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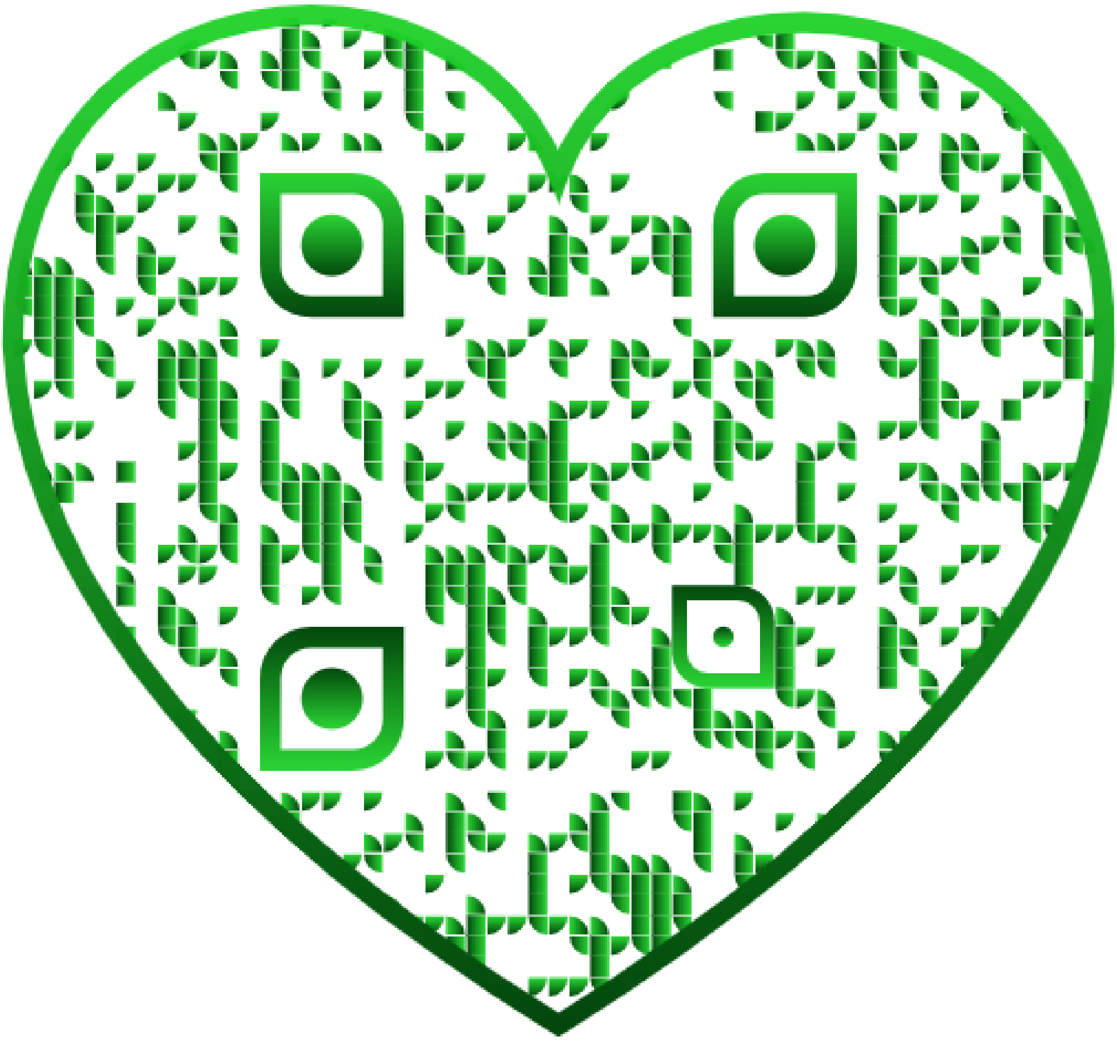

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Check out the biggest hype from the gaming universe!

FC 26 KICKS OFF!

A new school year can mean only one thing: the latest FC has dropped! EA listened to fans of last year's game and has come back strong in **FC 26** with better dribbling, tweaked gameplay and less-stupid goalkeepers. They've also dodged an own goal by making sure this edition is still available on older gear, like PS4 and original Switch, not just next-gen consoles.

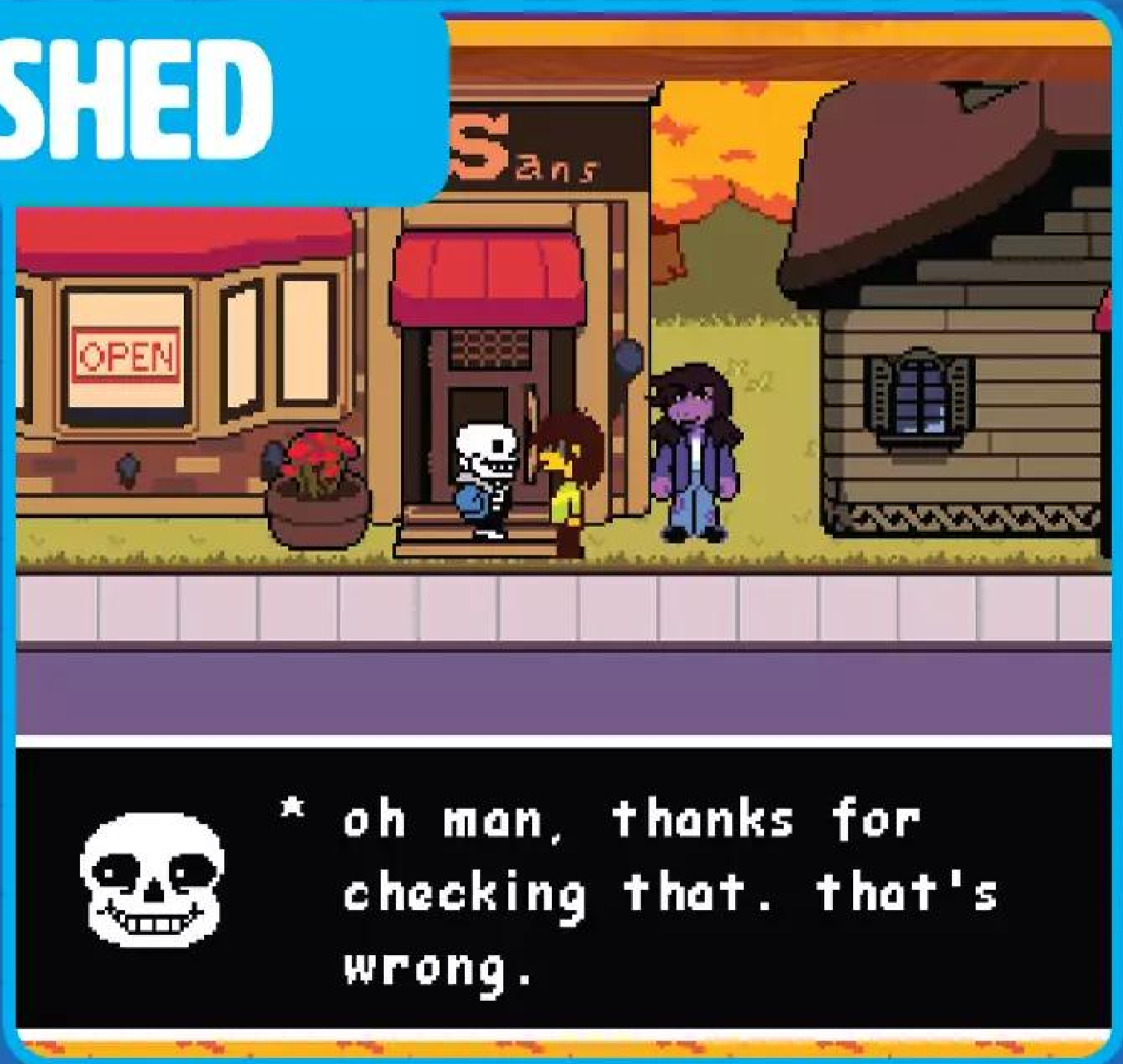
UEFA CHAM
Emirates
FLY BETTER
The C

NEWS

THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME?

MARIO KART CRUSHED

■ We would've bet a zillion Robux on Mario Kart World being the biggest-selling Switch 2 launch game. But turns out it's been beaten in the digital sales charts by low-key indie hit, Deltarune. Don't let the graphics fool you: this fun-packed role-playing adventure is a surprise banger!



* oh man, thanks for checking that. that's wrong.

GET TO THE COPPER

■ Minecraft has dropped an eye-catching update providing fresh options for Overworld rookies. Players will now be able to forge copper weapons, tools and armour – a new grade of items that are stronger than stone but weaker than iron. There's even a new Copper Golem mob to go with them!

BLITZ HITS DIFFERENT

■ Gamers have been loving a new Fortnite mode so much that many are demanding it's made a permanent feature! Blitz Royale, which had launched as limited-time content, has grabbed the community by the eyeballs with its fast-paced 32-player battles and field-levelling mechanics.

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BLOX SPOT!

CAN YOU FIND THE EIGHT ROBLOX ALL-TIMERS HIDDEN IN THIS GRID?

Words can appear backwards, forwards or diagonally.

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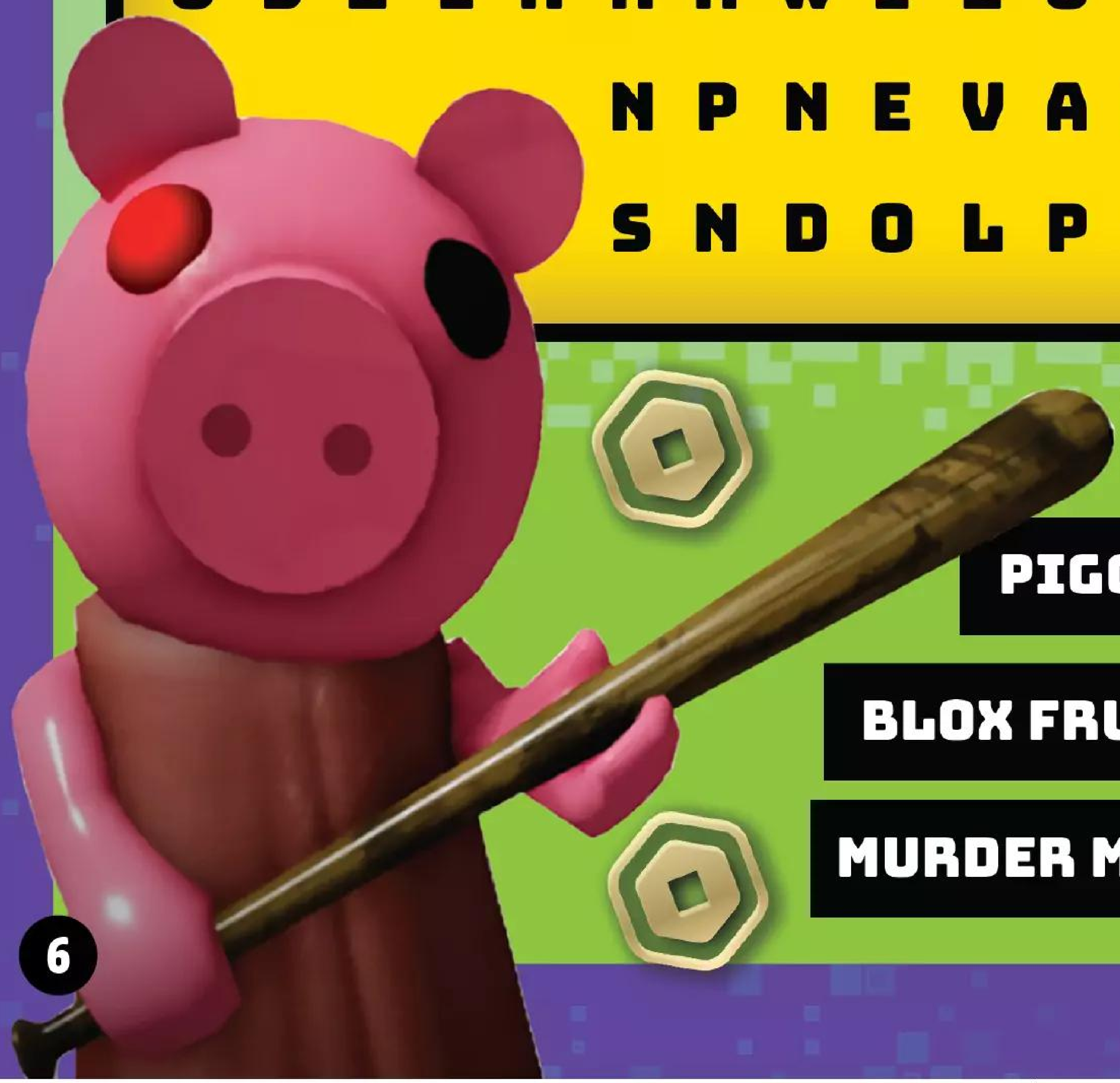

FISCH ☐

MEEPCITY ☐

PIGGY ☐

GROW A GARDEN ☐

BLOX FRUITS ☐

BROOKHAVEN ☐

MURDER MYSTERY ☐

ADOPT ME ☐

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ALL ABOUT LUIGI QUIZ!

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS CORRECTLY TO HELP LUIGI CAPTURE ALL THE GHOSTS IN THE HAUNTED MANSION!

1 THE FIRST GAME LUIGI APPEARED IN WAS MARIO KART 8.

☐ TRUE FALSE ☐

2 LUIGI IS MARIO'S TWIN BROTHER.

☐ TRUE FALSE ☐

3 HIS FULL NAME IS LUIGI LONGLEGS.

☐ TRUE FALSE ☐

4 MARIO IS TALLER THAN LUIGI.

☐ TRUE FALSE ☐

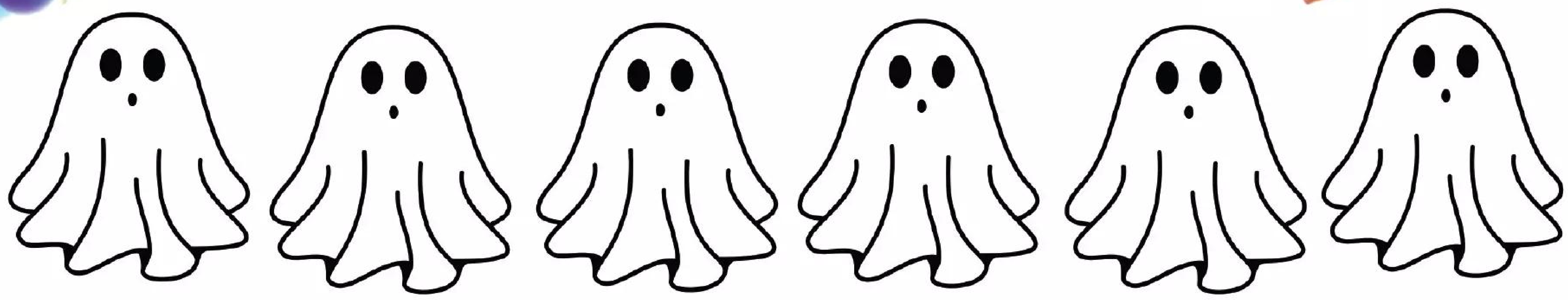
5 LUIGI GETS SCARED MORE EASILY THAN MARIO.

☐ TRUE FALSE ☐

6 WALUIGI IS AN EVIL VERSION OF LUIGI.

☐ TRUE FALSE ☐

COLOUR A GHOST FOR EACH QUESTION YOU GOT RIGHT!



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ANSWERS: 1. False – Mario Bros. was the game in which Luigi first appeared, 2. True, 3. False – his full name is Luigi Mario, 4. False – Luigi is taller than Mario, 5. True, 6. True.

WE'VE ROUNDED UP THE SCARIEST CHARACTERS IN GAMING!

SPOOKY SHOWDOWN!

Who do you think is the spookiest? Colour the jack-o'-lanterns to give each character a spook score!

HOLLOWHEAD

Let's be real, Halloween on **Fortnite** wouldn't be the same without this spooky skin. Its ghostly blue eyes are totally creepy!

SPOOK SCORE:

PIGGY

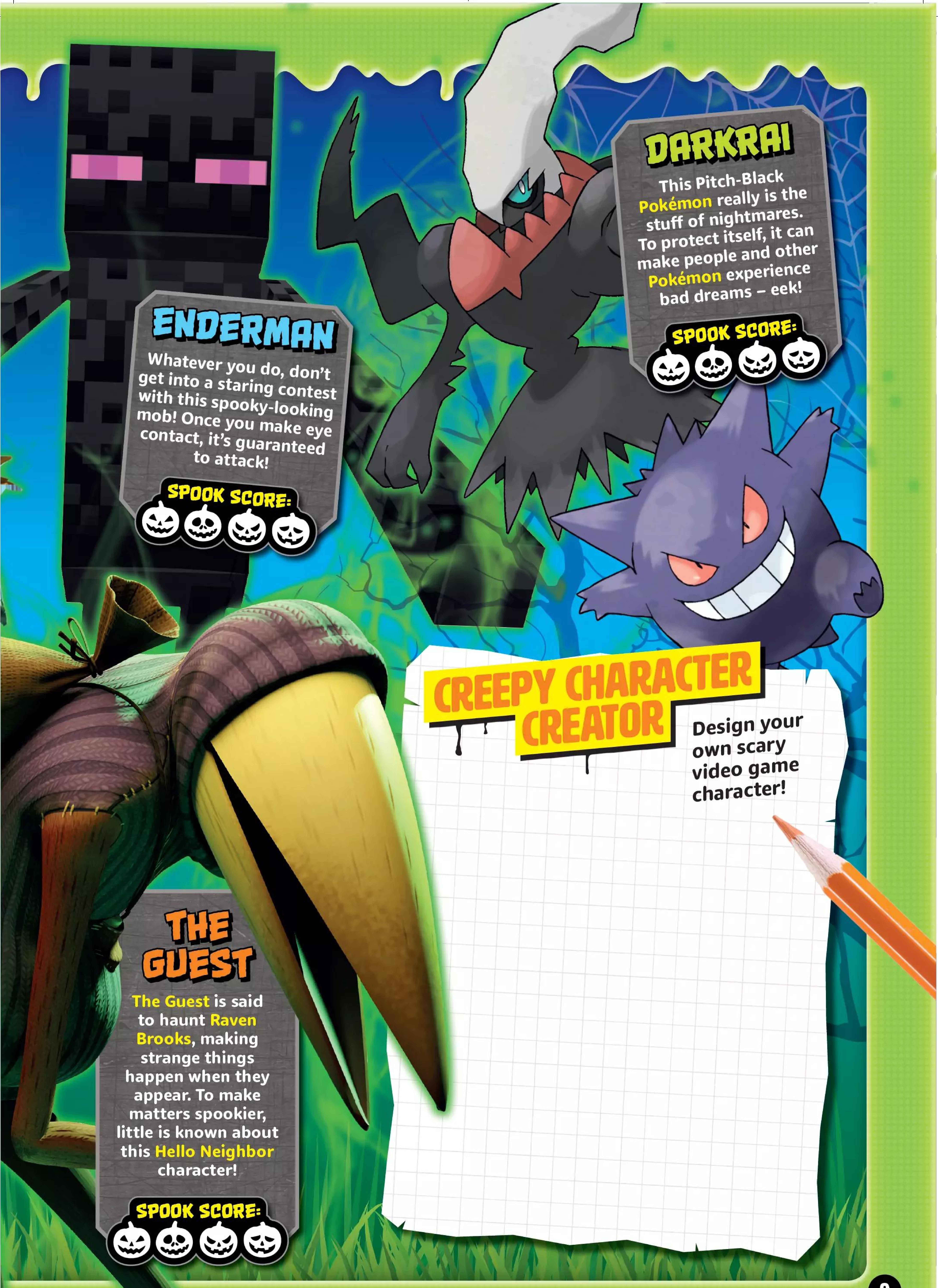
This little piggy will stop at nothing to hunt you down! You'll need to stay on the move if you want to avoid getting caught.

SPOOK SCORE:

DARK BEAST GANON

You'll come across many monsters in your quest to save **Hyrule**, but **Dark Beast Ganon** has to be the most terrifying!

SPOOK SCORE:



ENDERMAN

Whatever you do, don't get into a staring contest with this spooky-looking mob! Once you make eye contact, it's guaranteed to attack!

SPOOK SCORE: 🎃🎃🎃🎃

THE GUEST

The Guest is said to haunt **Raven Brooks**, making strange things happen when they appear. To make matters spookier, little is known about this **Hello Neighbor** character!

SPOOK SCORE: 🎃🎃🎃🎃

DARKRAI

This Pitch-Black **Pokémon** really is the stuff of nightmares. To protect itself, it can make people and other **Pokémon** experience bad dreams – eek!

SPOOK SCORE: 🎃🎃🎃🎃

CREEPY CHARACTER CREATOR

Design your own scary video game character!

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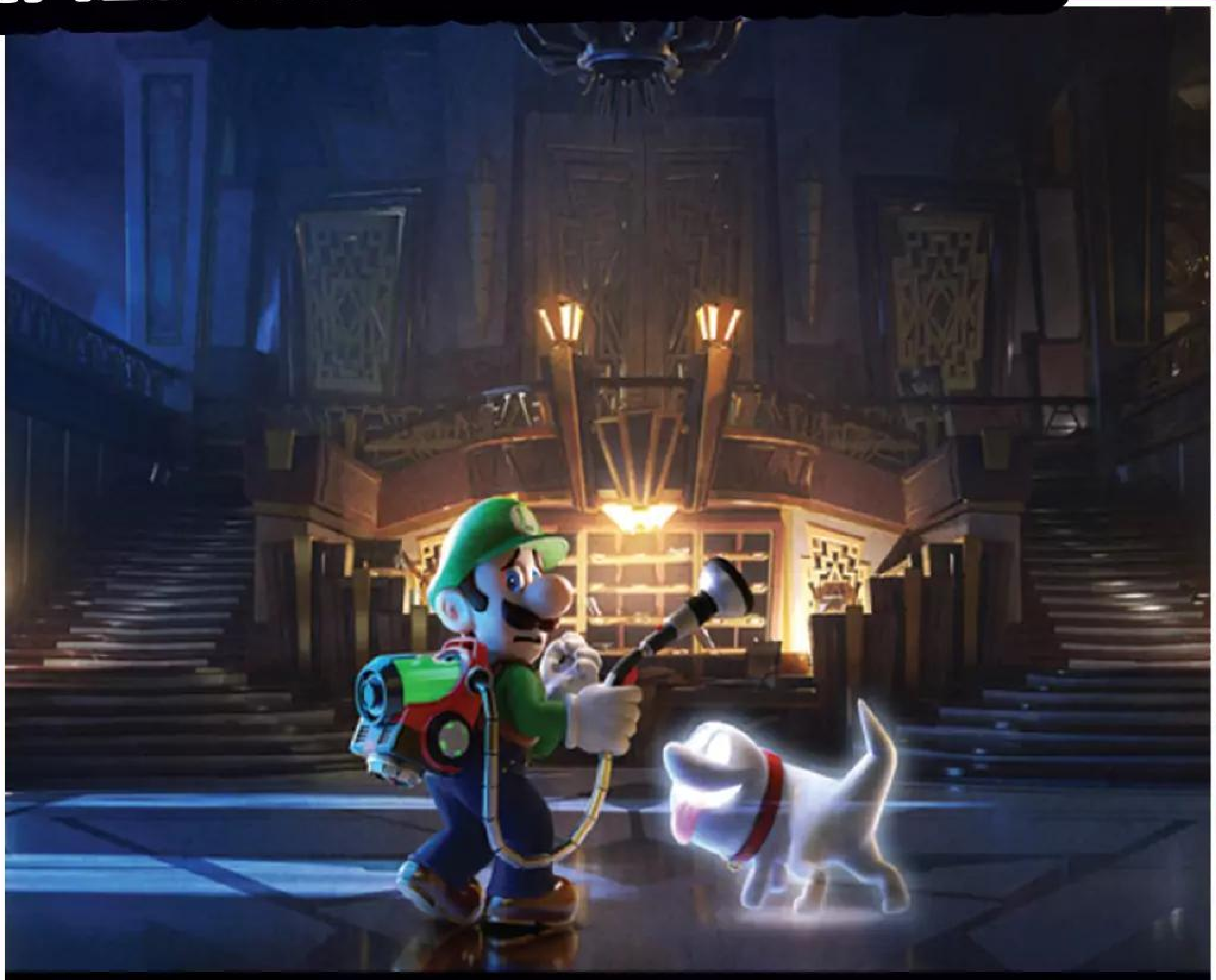
WE'RE RANKING SOME OF THE BEST SPOOKY GAMES THERE ARE, PERFECT IF YOU'RE AFTER THRILLS AND CHILLS.



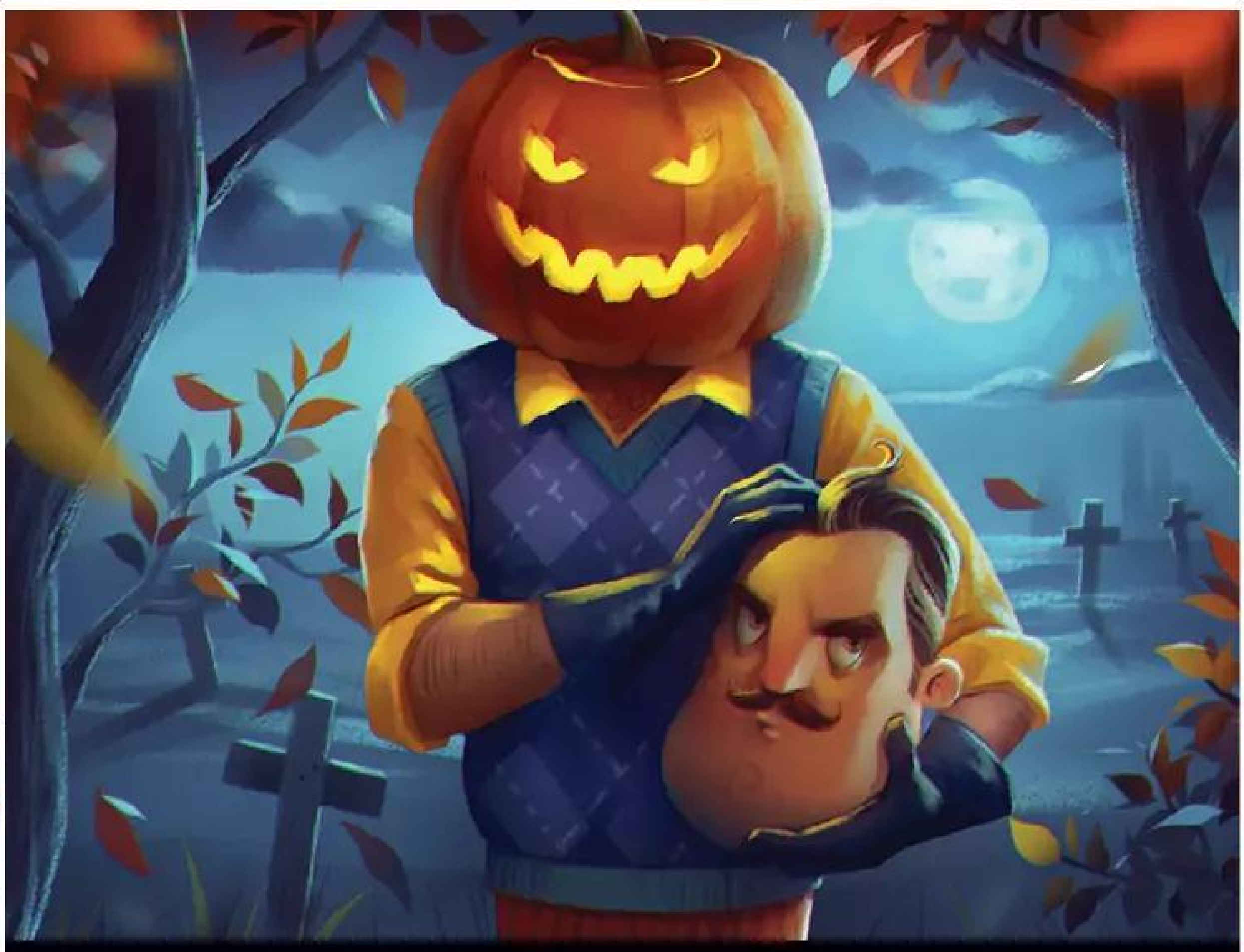
LUIGI'S MANSION 3

Three games in, when will Luigi learn that mansion buildings are scary? King Boo has Luigi, Mario and friends trapped in a gooey ghost nightmare. Luckily a goo replica of the green hero, Gooigi, is here to help. An iconic introduction to the series, truly the GOAT. As silly as it is spooky, this brings the Halloween vibes in a low-stakes way.

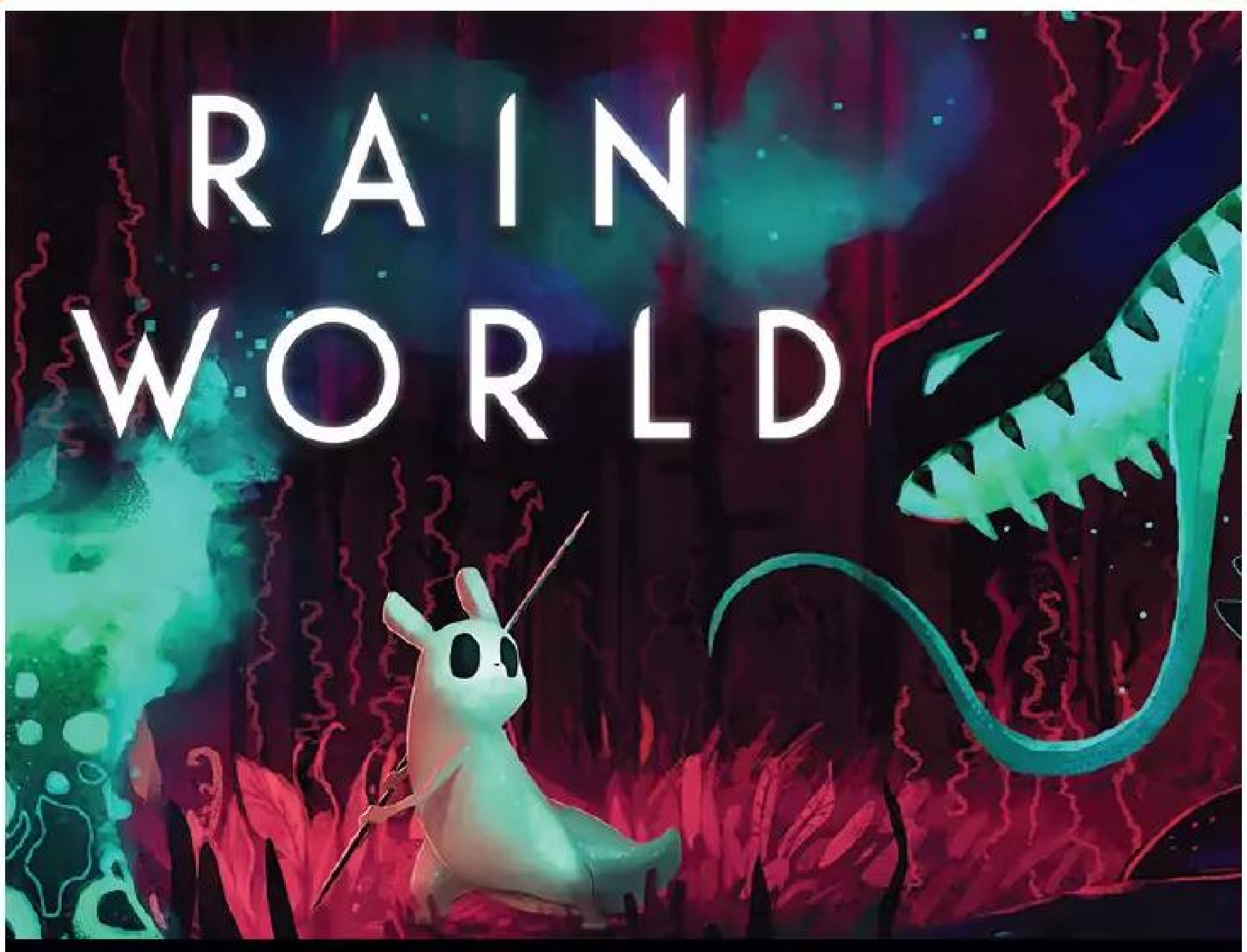
SPOOK FACTOR: 2/5

HELLO NEIGHBOR

Who's the unknown man in the neighbourhood and what could he possibly be hiding in his basement? Surely nothing terrible... it's up to you to find out! Be ready for jump scares in this interactive eerie adventure, as the neighbour learns from how you play to set cunning traps...



SPOOK FACTOR: 4/5



SPOOK FACTOR: 5/5

RAIN WORLD

Toeing the line between enjoyably ominous and actually scary, Rain World is a survival platformer full of creatures out to get you, an innocent slugcat just trying to find the way back to your family. The predators will snap their jaws relentlessly, so be sure to stay quick and nimble in the face of obstacles.

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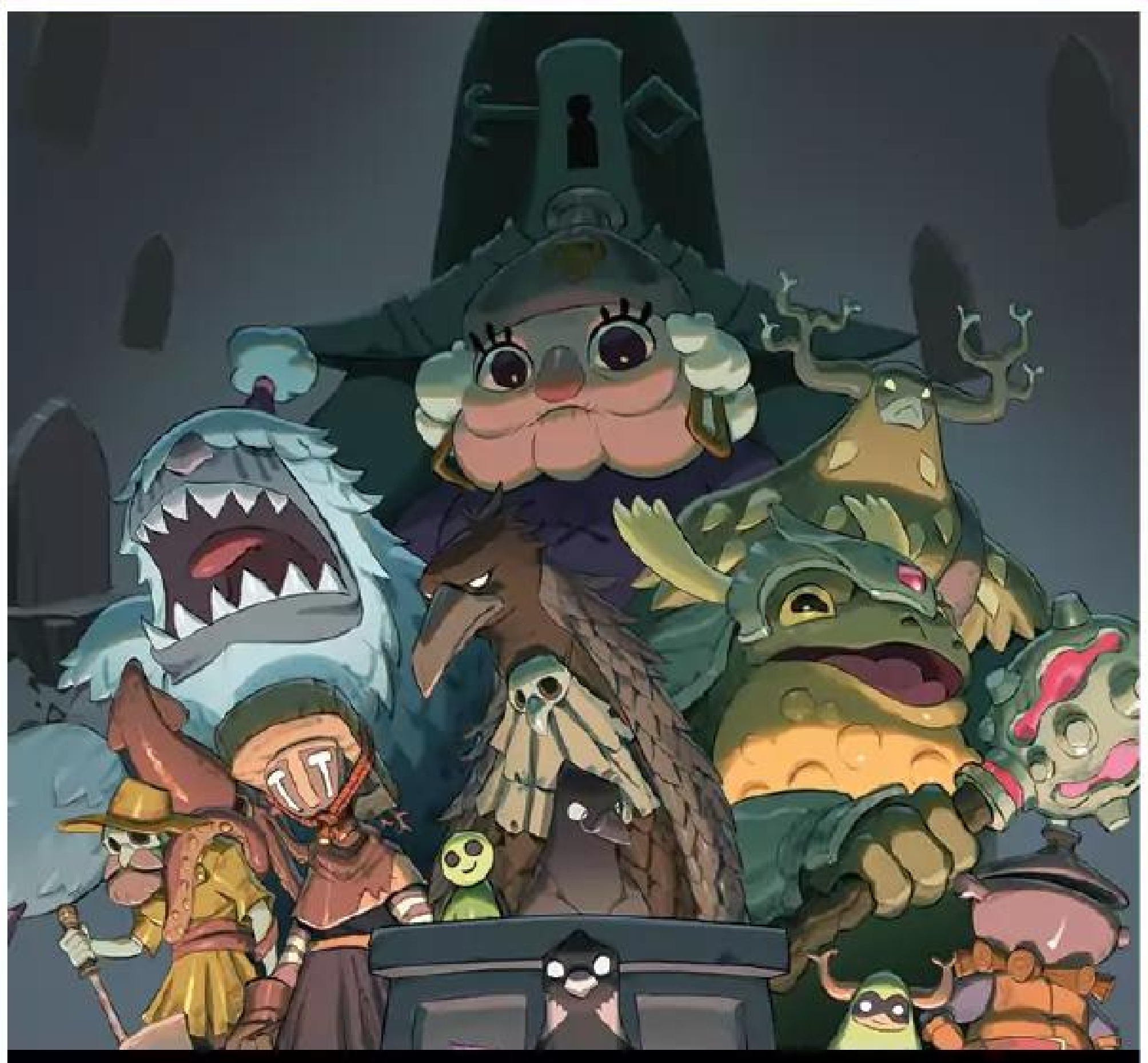


SPOOK FACTOR: 3/5

DEATH'S DOOR

Play as a crow, a reaper in charge of tracking down a stolen soul across the realm. Anything but easy, the mission will send you into combat with beasts and bosses and unravel a wealth of backstory about the world beyond the Doors. Upgrade your weapons and befriend those you meet to be the best reaper the underworld has ever seen.

PLANTS VS. ZOMBIES

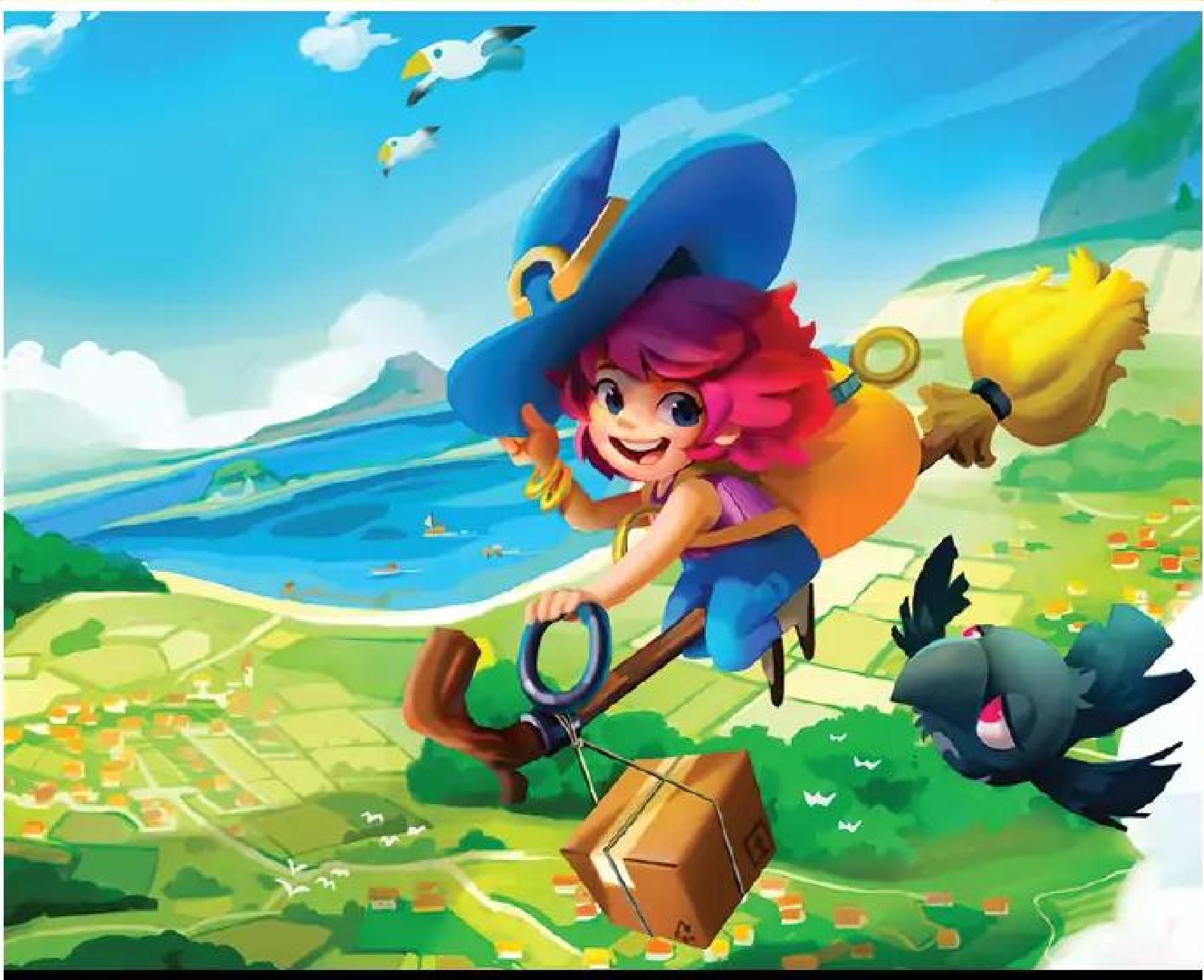
A long-standing series for mobile, Plants vs. Zombies combines tile-based combat and a farm simulator to set the scene. Zombies are after your land and you must protect it at all costs from the evil horde. With challenging puzzles and seemingly infinite levels, you'll be occupied for hours.

Dave's House, Level 15
CHA-BOOF!

SPOOK FACTOR: 2/5

MIKA AND THE WITCH'S MOUNTAIN

This cosy fantasy is a change of pace from demons and ghouls. On a magical adventure, play as the young witch, Mika, responsible for delivering packages around her village. Take a breather and enjoy the stunning setting and become the most trustworthy witch.



SPOOK FACTOR: 1/5

2 TO WIN

CLUB MOCCHI MOCCHI PLUSH!

Club Mocchi-Mocchi-
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Two lucky readers can each win a Club Mocchi Mocchi plush! Designed in Japan, Club Mocchi Mocchi is super soft and huggable! Unlike other ordinary plushies, it has a unique squishy texture and is super soft to touch. The Mario Kart series features fan-favourite characters from the iconic Nintendo game. Collect them all!

**Styles may vary*

ANSWER THIS:

What is NOT the name of a Mario Kart character?

PRINCESS PEACH

or

PRINCE PINEAPPLE

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LEVEL UP!

START YOUR ENGINES!

USE PRACTICE AREAS

★ Many racing games have practice areas for when you're not competing. Think of it as warming up the same way would for sports IRL – this will make you feel more confident for the real deal!

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

★ There's always room for improvement and one way you can do this is by changing the difficulty settings. You'll have to fight for your place on the podium, but it'll make your victories feel more rewarding!

KNOW THE TRACKS

★ It sounds simple but mastering the tracks really helps! Knowing shortcuts in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe or tight corners in Nickelodeon Kart Racers 3: Slime Speedway lets you prepare for what's ahead.

WAYS TO WIN!

Not getting the W? Why not try...

Learning from your mistakes!

Watching playback features is amazing when you've bagged the W but it's also important for the races you lose, too. This lets you see where you went wrong so you can come back better than ever for the next race and smash it!

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DID YOU KNOW?

IN ITS FIRST WEEK FORZA HORIZON 5 HAD OVER 10 MILLION PLAYERS, MAKING IT ONE OF THE BIGGEST LAUNCHES IN XBOX HISTORY!

POWER PROFILE!

I'M THE DAMP KNIGHT!

BATMAN

POWER UP!

Batman is all about the gadgets, so there's usually a clever bit of tech that can help solve the trickier puzzles in his games.

DAMAGE ALERT!

Batz does his best work creeping around in the shadows like a weirdo, so don't spend too long in well-lit open areas or you're likely to get ganged up on real quick.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The first-ever **Batman** video game came out nearly 40 years ago and involved searching a very basic Batcave for bits of a hovercraft!
- The **Arkham** trilogy of Batman games — **Asylum**, **City and Knight** — are some of the most highly rated superhero series in gaming history.
- **Batman** was the fourth major movie franchise to get its own **LEGO** game, following in the bricksteps of **Harry Potter**, **Star Wars** and **Indiana Jones**.
- The **Joker** character in all three of the **Arkham** games is voiced by Mark Hamill, who played **Luke Skywalker** in the **Star Wars** movies.

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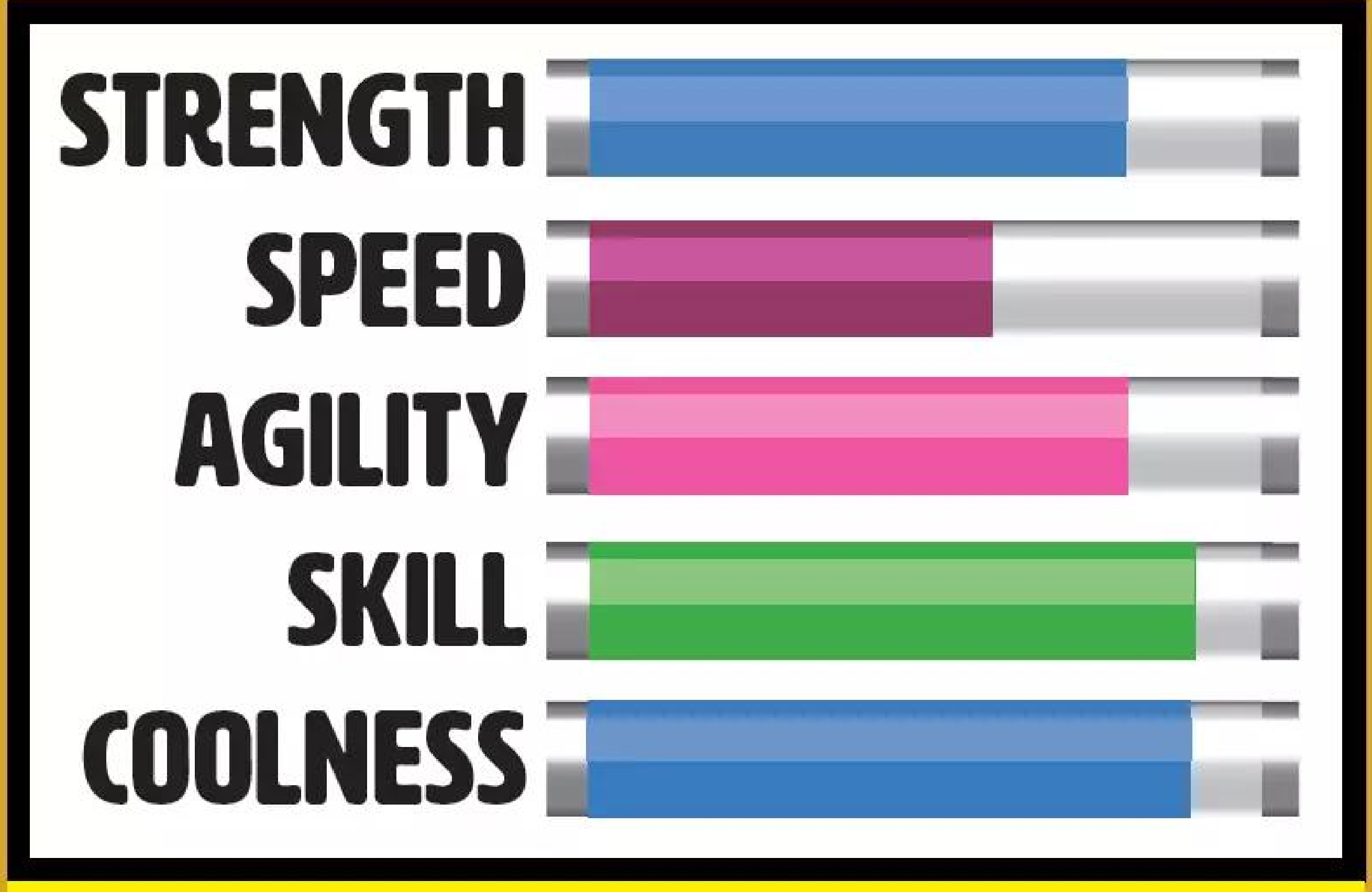

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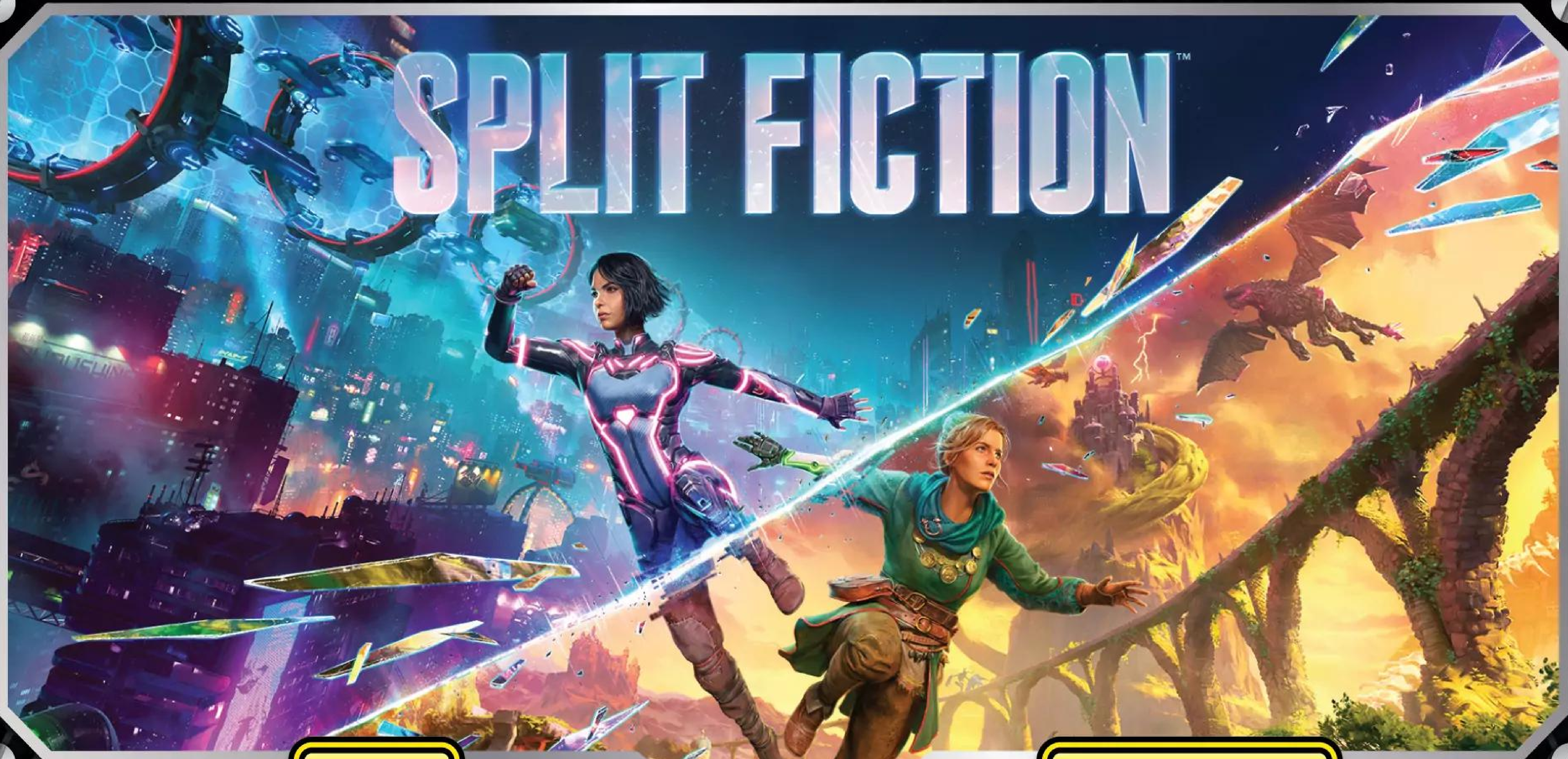


DO

LOOK OUT FOR PINK AND GREEN SPOTS

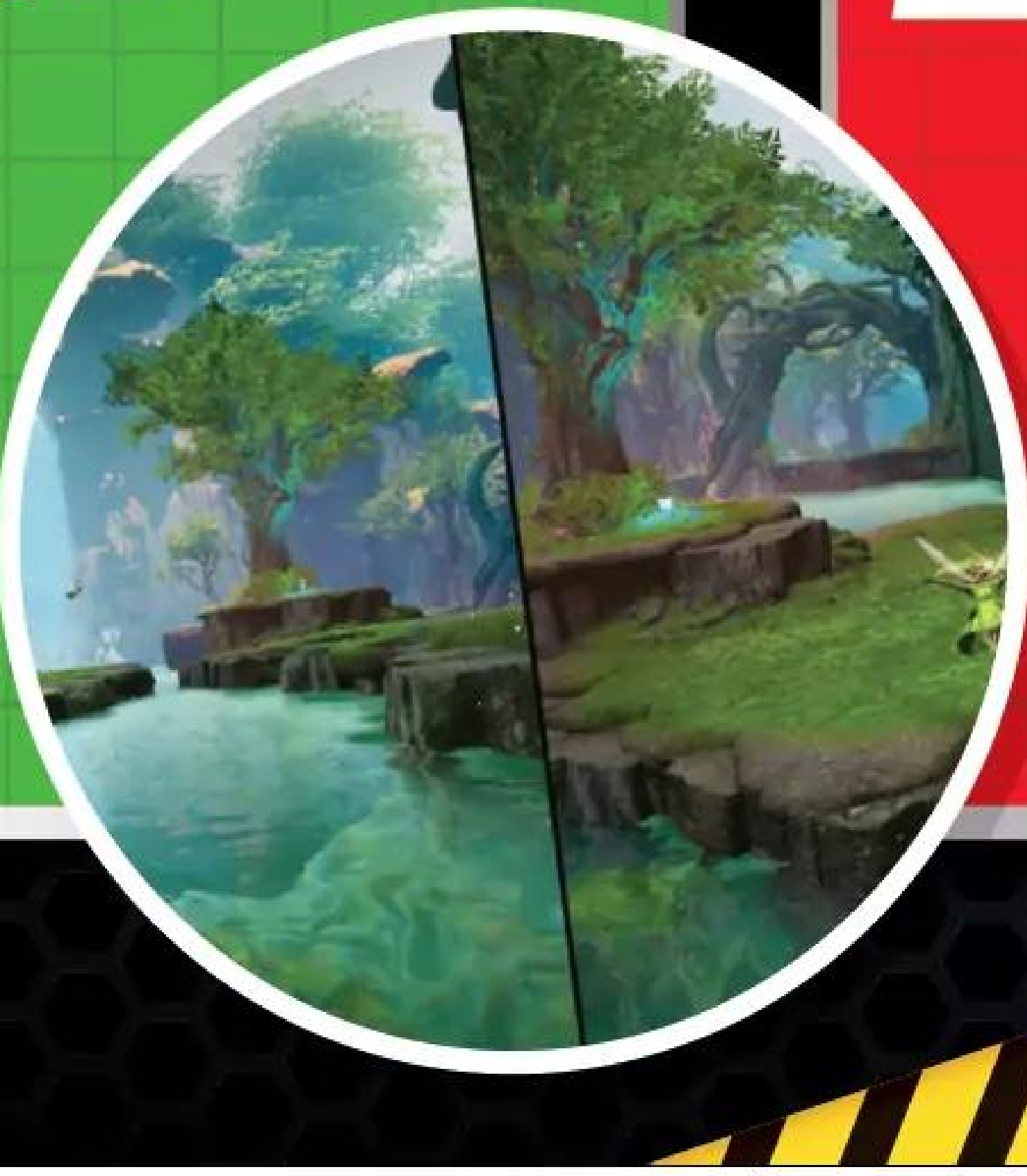
The little markers — pink for **Mio**, green for **Zoe** — subtly highlight interactive elements, whether it's something you can swing from, pick up, throw or control. They'll also help you stay on track and find your path through the fantastical worlds.

COMMUNICATE!

There are plenty of times when you'll really need to work together, whether it's one person steering and another clearing the way, or each using your abilities at the right moment to defeat a boss level.

LOOK AROUND

While extensive exploring is not necessary for completing the game, if you get stuck, take a good look around. There are certain elements of each environment that you can interact with and the sooner you spot them, the faster you'll be able to progress!



DON'T

MISS THE SIDE STORIES

Every so often you'll come across a side story. Part of the game's narrative is to save these side stories from **Rader Publishing** by journeying through them, so be sure to do them as they crop up.

LEAVE EACH OTHER BEHIND

It's pretty hard to do, since the game is designed for two players, but you never know when your partner is going to need your help to get from A to B. If you get too far ahead, you may end up retracing your steps.

FORGET YOUR ABILITIES

Each player has their own unique abilities and these differ between the fantasy and sci-fi settings, so it's easy to forget all the things you can do. If you're struggling to progress, make sure you try out all your abilities!

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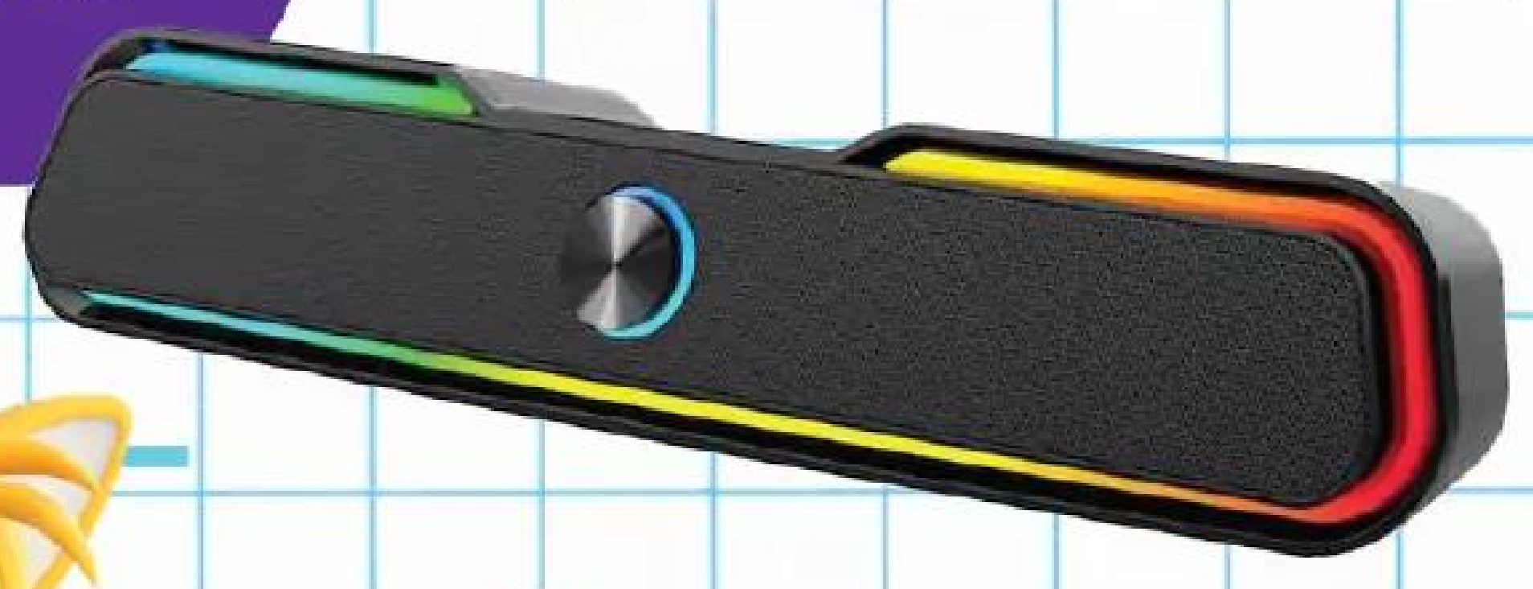

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SPEED YOUR WAY THROUGH THESE SONIC RACING: CROSSWORLDS PUZZLES.

RIDDLE RACE!

See which other franchise characters join Sonic in the racing tournaments by finding the missing letters.

My first is in sea but not in tea. ☐

My second is the last in sleep. ☐

My third is the only vowel in moon. ☐

My fourth is the first in now. ☐

My fifth is in game but not name. ☐

My sixth appears twice in energy. ☐

My seventh appears three times in bubble. ☐

My eighth is the same as my third. ☐

My ninth is the second letter of the alphabet. ☐

I am: ________________

RACER ROSTER!

Find the names of all the racers in the grid.

SONIC ☐ KNUCKLES ☐ JET ☐ VECTOR ☐
SHADOW ☐ AMY ☐ TAILS ☐ SILVER ☐

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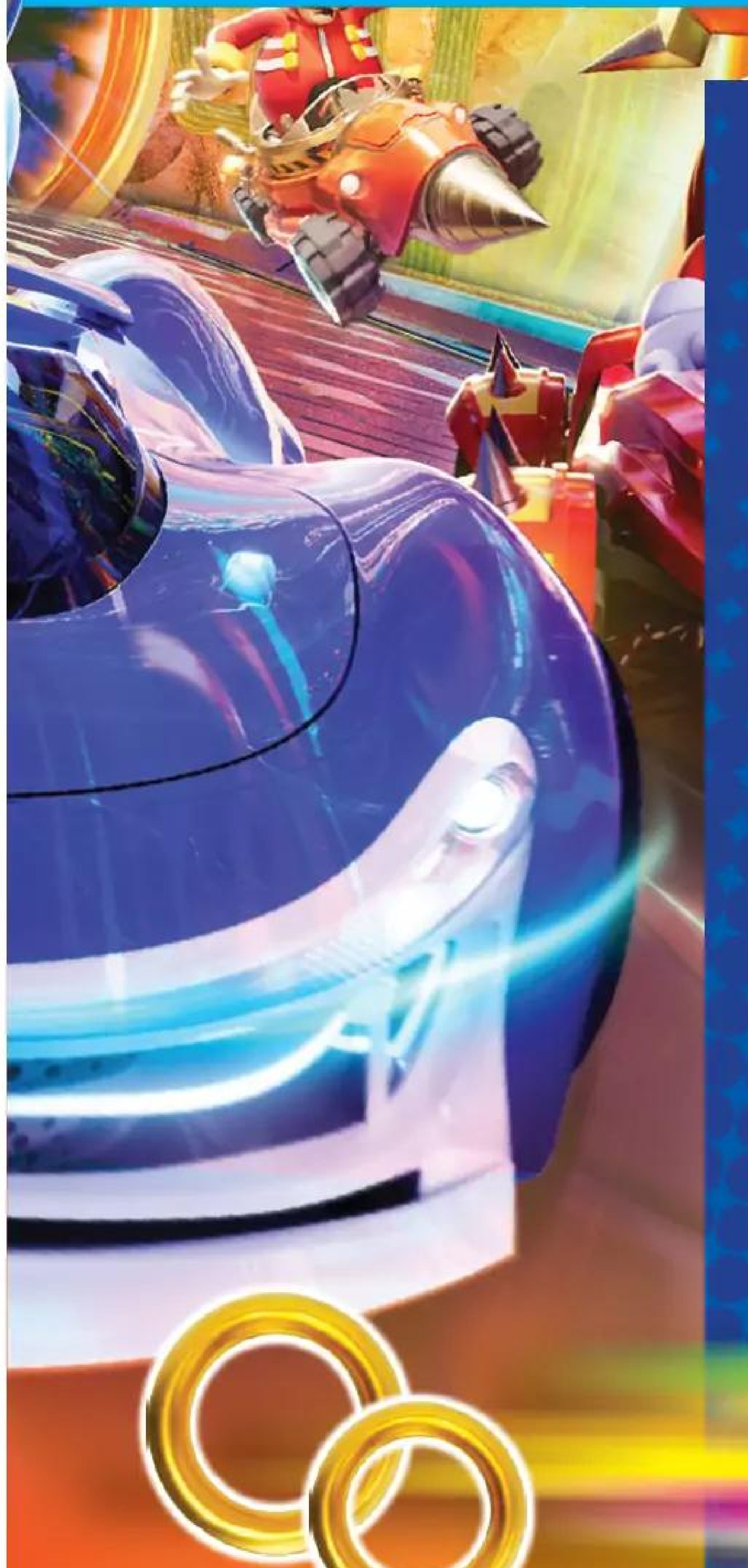


STAT ATTACK!

Solve the sums to fill in the facts.

A 10 + 2 + 3 - 8 = ☐

B 5 x 9 = ☐

C 12 x 4 + 8 = ☐

D 10 x 7 = ☐

A THERE ARE ☐ CUPS TO RACE.

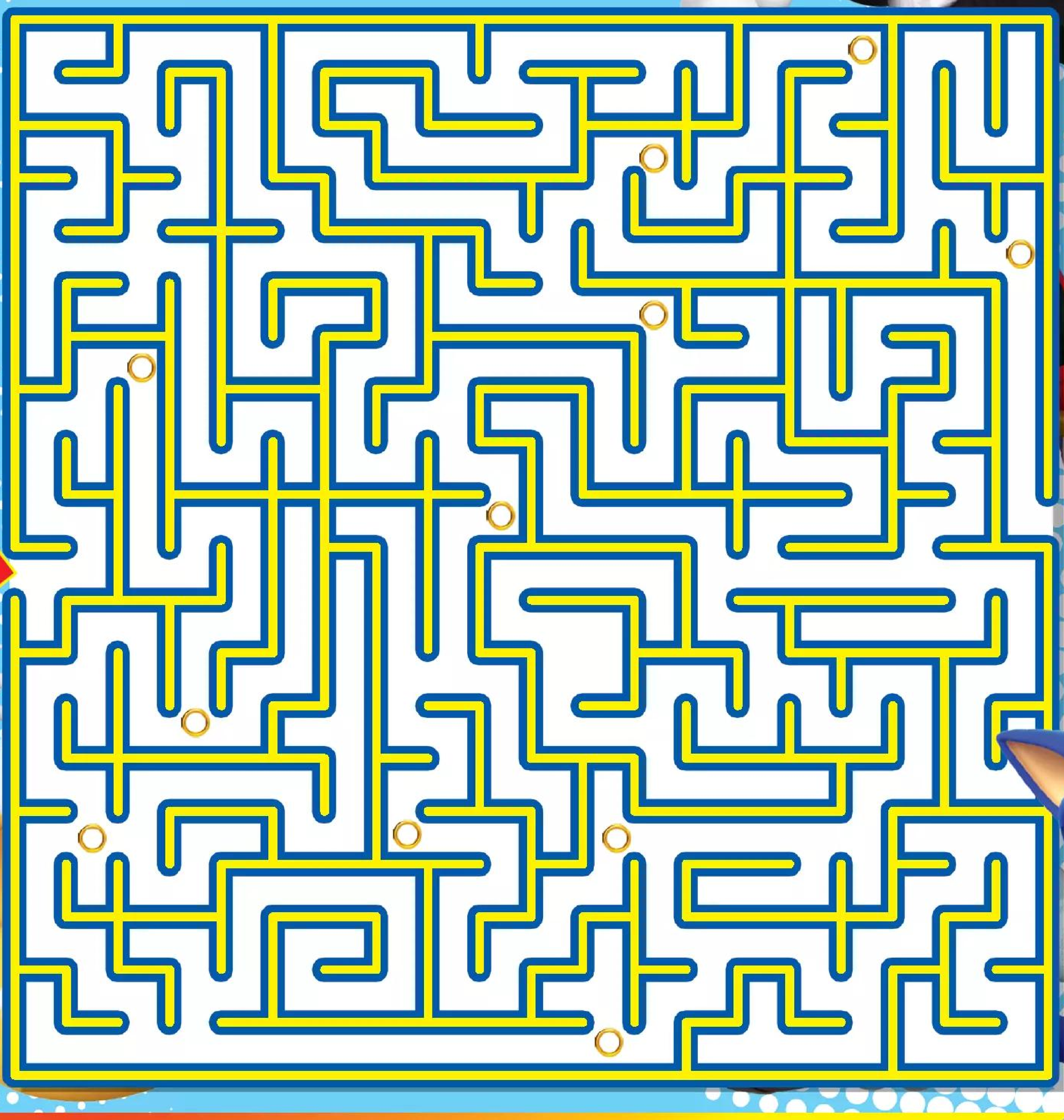
B CHOOSE FROM ☐ VEHICLES.

C YOU CAN PLAY AS ☐ DIFFERENT CHARACTERS.

D PICK FROM OVER ☐ GADGETS TO ENHANCE YOUR RIDE.

FINISH FIRST!

Guide Tails through the maze, collecting the rings as you go.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FINISH!

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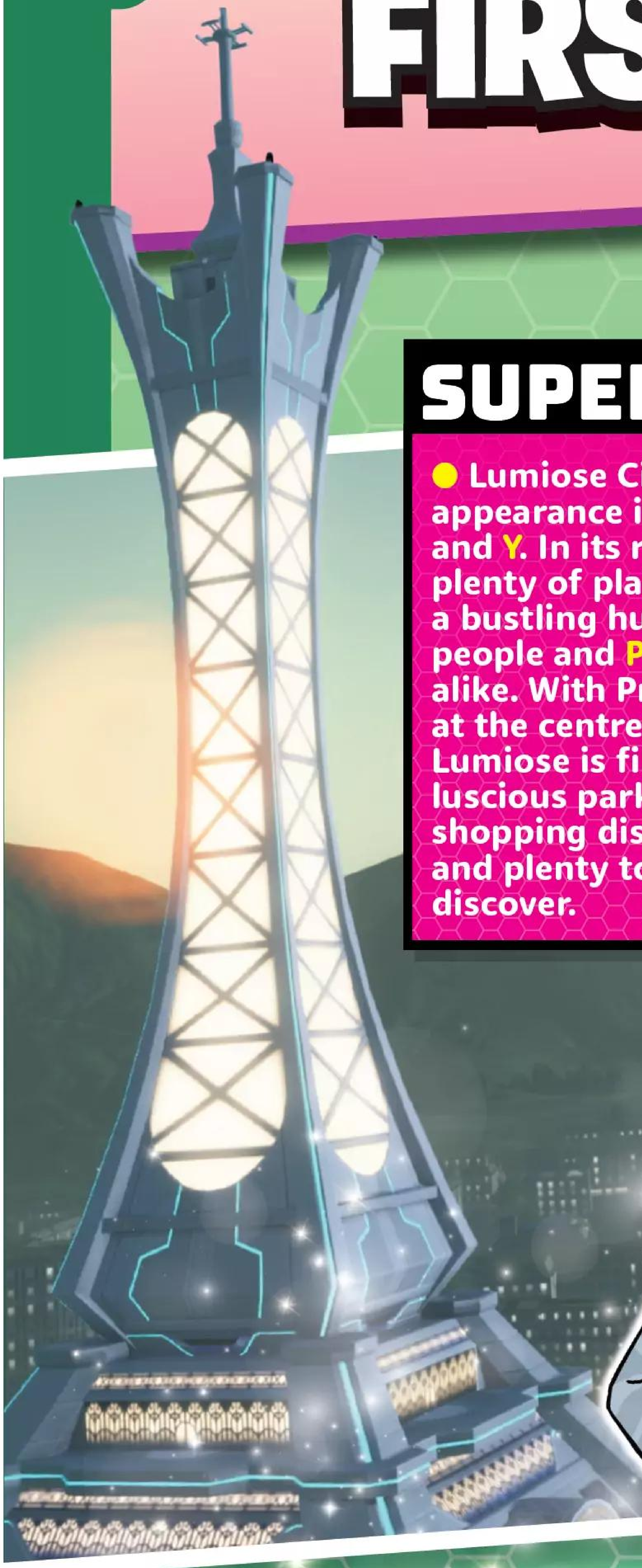
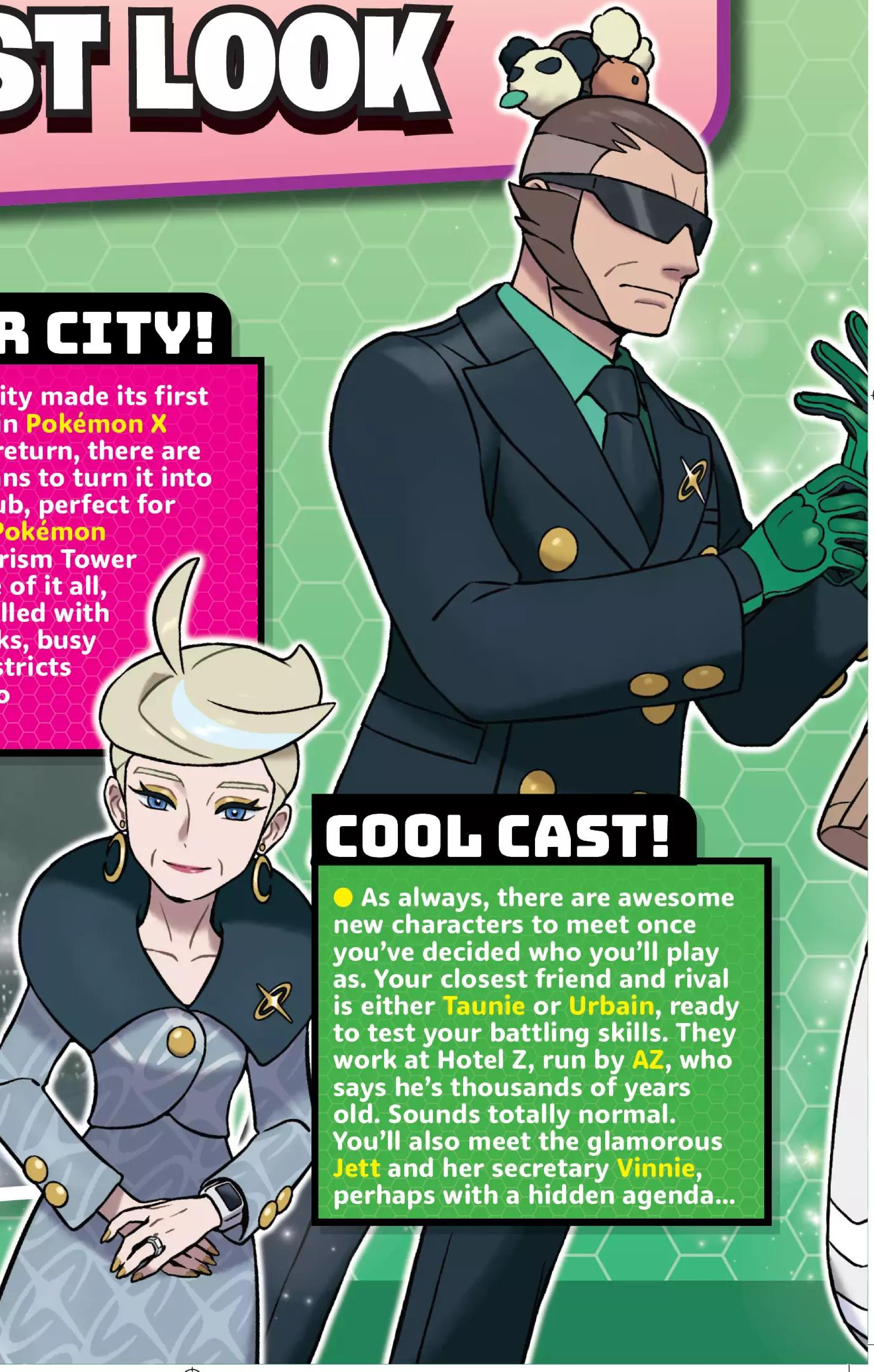
POKÉMON LEGENDS Z-A™

FIRST LOOK





SUPER CITY!

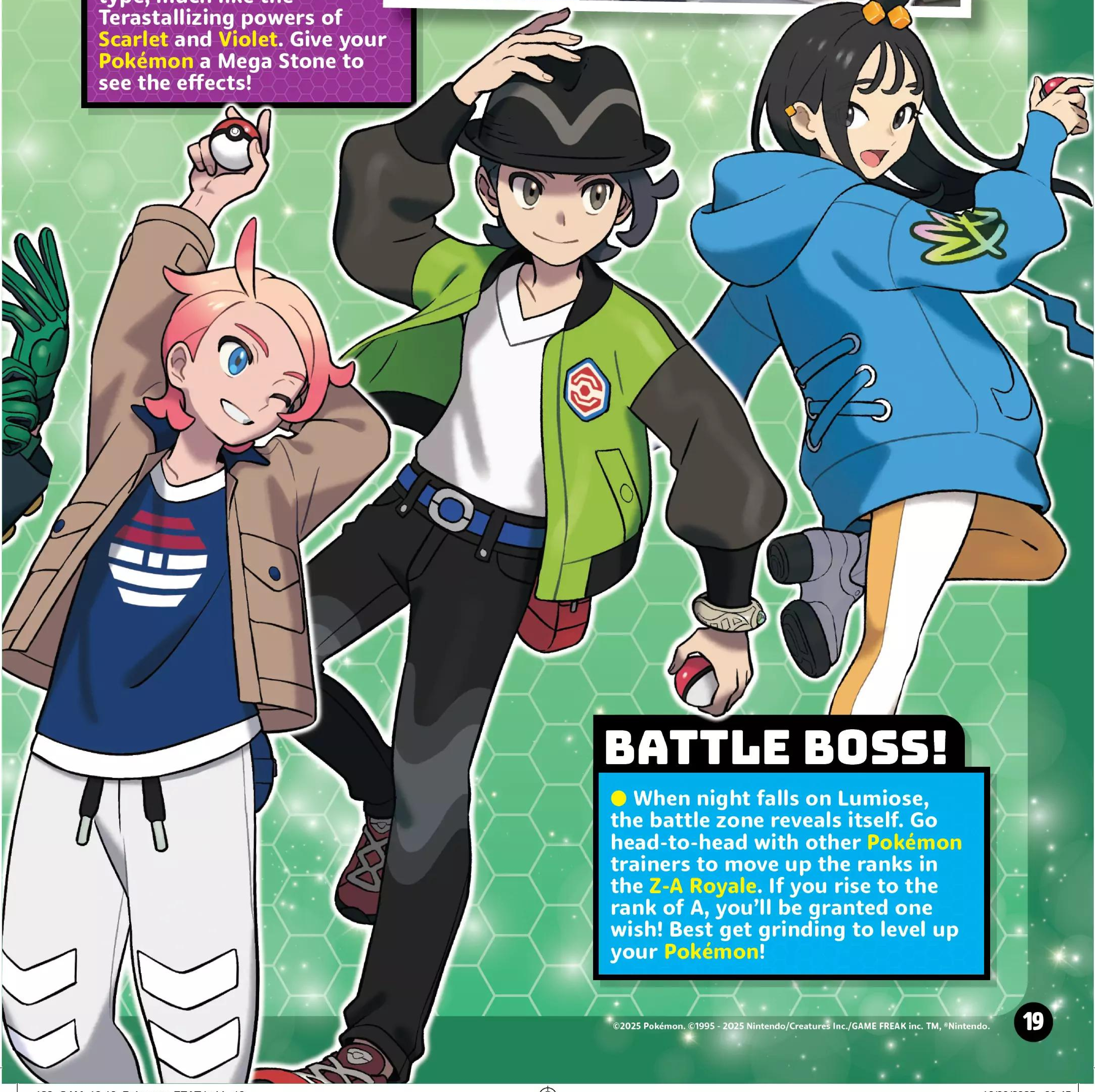
● Lumiose City made its first appearance in Pokémon X and Y. In its return, there are plenty of plans to turn it into a bustling hub, perfect for people and Pokémon alike. With Prism Tower at the centre of it all, Lumiose is filled with luscious parks, busy shopping districts and plenty to discover.

COOL CAST!

● As always, there are awesome new characters to meet once you've decided who you'll play as. Your closest friend and rival is either Taunie or Urbain, ready to test your battling skills. They work at Hotel Z, run by AZ, who says he's thousands of years old. Sounds totally normal. You'll also meet the glamorous Jett and her secretary Vinnie, perhaps with a hidden agenda...

THAT'S MEGA!

● In this game, **Pokémon** can experience Mega Evolution. It goes way beyond anything that they were previously capable of and can change the outcome of any battle. Some **Pokémon** will even change type, much like the Terastallizing powers of **Scarlet** and **Violet**. Give your **Pokémon** a Mega Stone to see the effects!



BATTLE BOSS!

● When night falls on Lumiose, the battle zone reveals itself. Go head-to-head with other **Pokémon** trainers to move up the ranks in the **Z-A Royale**. If you rise to the rank of A, you'll be granted one wish! Best get grinding to level up your **Pokémon**!

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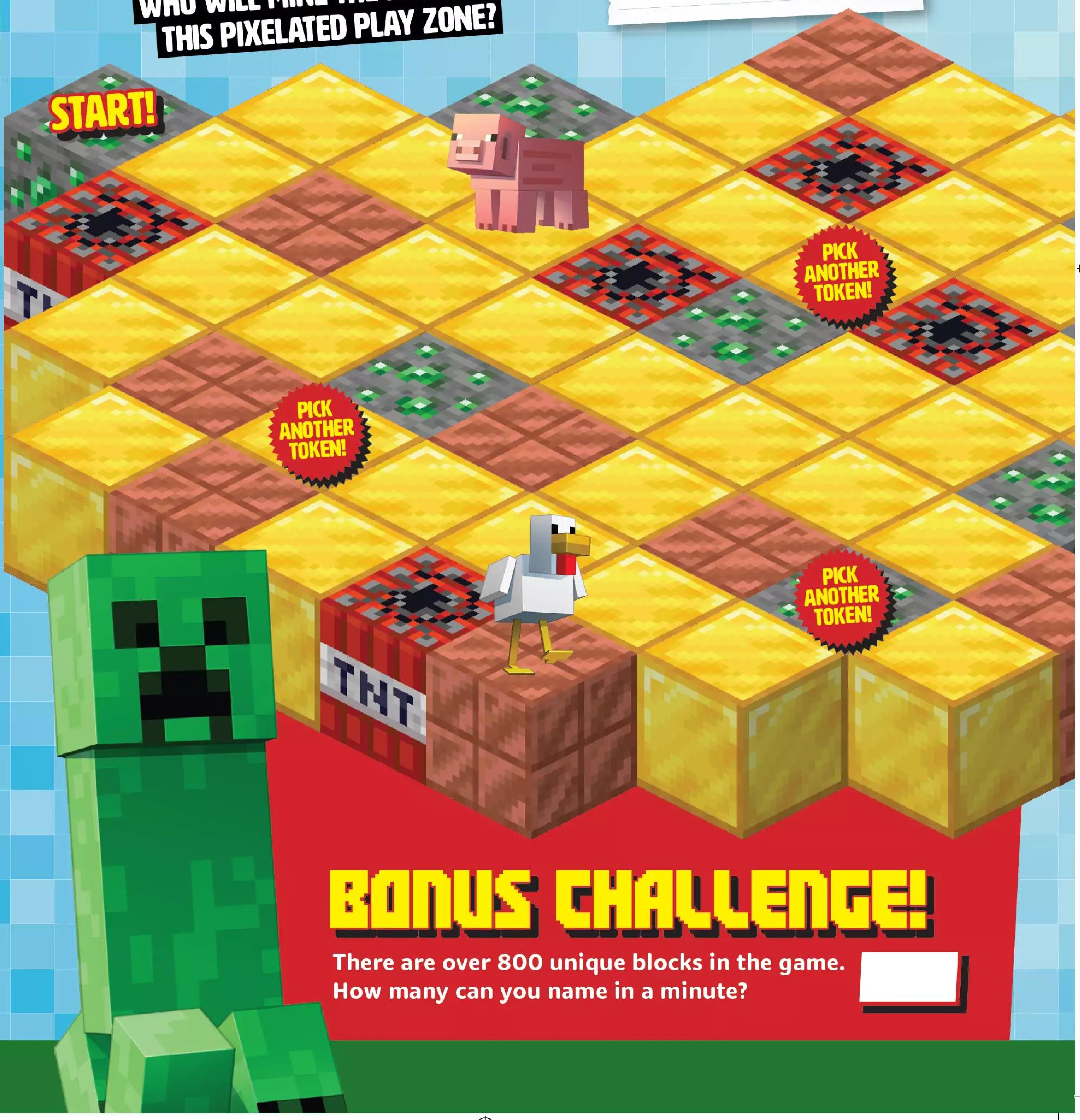
MINING RACE!

WHO WILL MINE THE FASTEST IN THIS PIXELATED PLAY ZONE?

YOU'LL NEED:

Scissors, 2 counters,
a small bag and
a friend to play with.


START!
PICK ANOTHER TOKEN!
PICK ANOTHER TOKEN!
TNT
PICK ANOTHER TOKEN!

BONUS CHALLENGE!

There are over 800 unique blocks in the game.
How many can you name in a minute?

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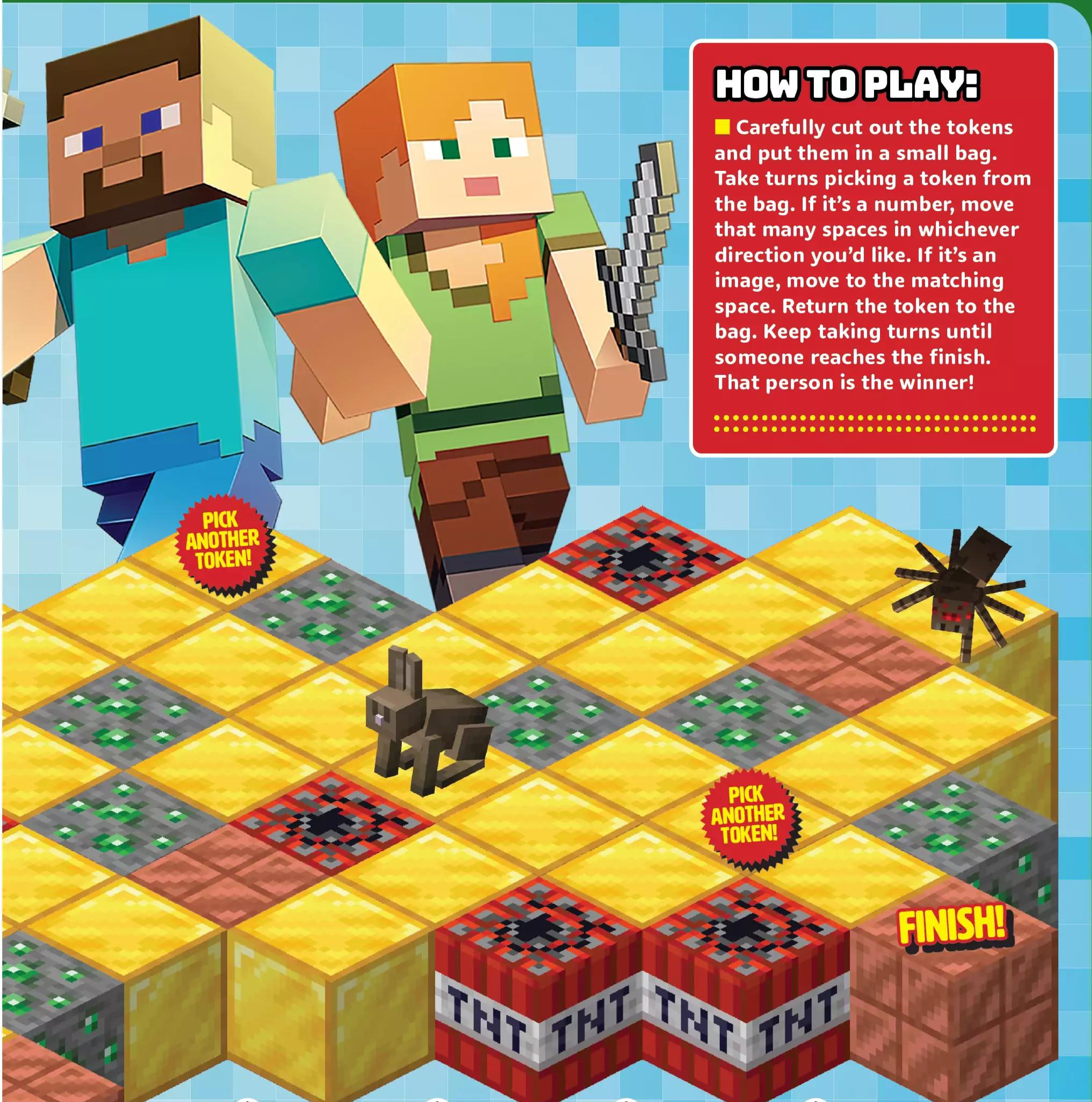
HOW TO PLAY:

- Carefully cut out the tokens and put them in a small bag. Take turns picking a token from the bag. If it's a number, move that many spaces in whichever direction you'd like. If it's an image, move to the matching space. Return the token to the bag. Keep taking turns until someone reaches the finish. That person is the winner!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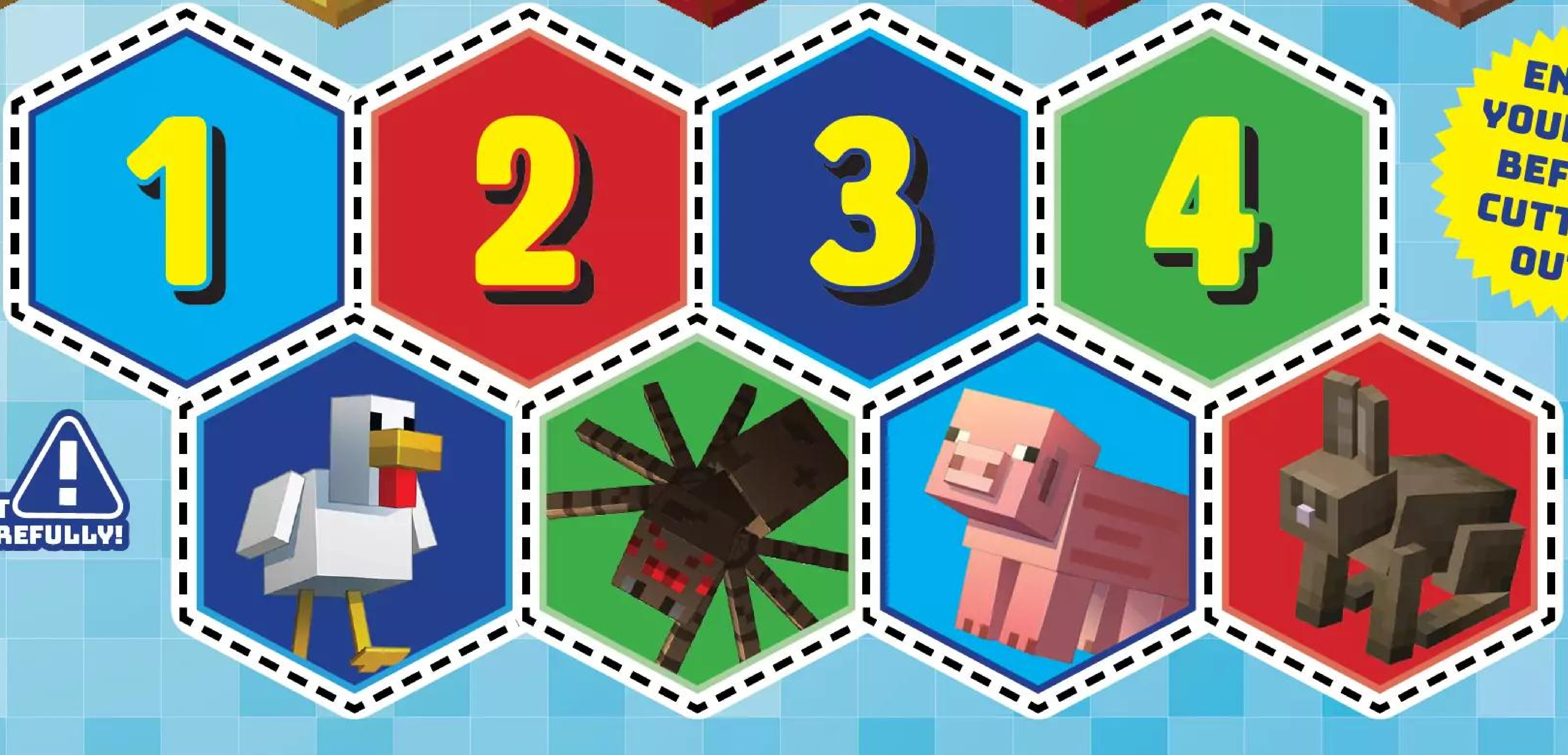

CUT CAREFULLY!

ENJOY YOUR MAG BEFORE CUTTING OUT!

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THE BIG GAMING QUIZ!

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE GAMES?

1

Which of these is NOT a **Fortnite** Battle Royale location?

A FATAL FIELDS ☐
B DUSTY DRIVE ☐
C CHONKER'S SPEEDWAY ☐

2

Which of these is a brand-new mode in **Mario Kart World**?

A TIME TRIAL ☐
B GRAND PRIX ☐
C KNOCKOUT TOUR ☐

3

The inventors of **Roblox** are called...

A ADA LOVELACE AND TIM BERNERS-LEE. ☐
B STEVE JOBS AND RAY TOMLINSON. ☐
C DAVID BASZUCKI AND ERIK CASSEL. ☐

4

What is the five-a-side game in **FC 25** called?

A RUSH ☐
B DASH ☐
C FLASH ☐

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5

Who owns the main store in Disney's Dreamlight Valley?

A MIKE WAZOWSKI ☐

B SCROOGE MCDUCK ☐

C WINNIE THE POOH ☐

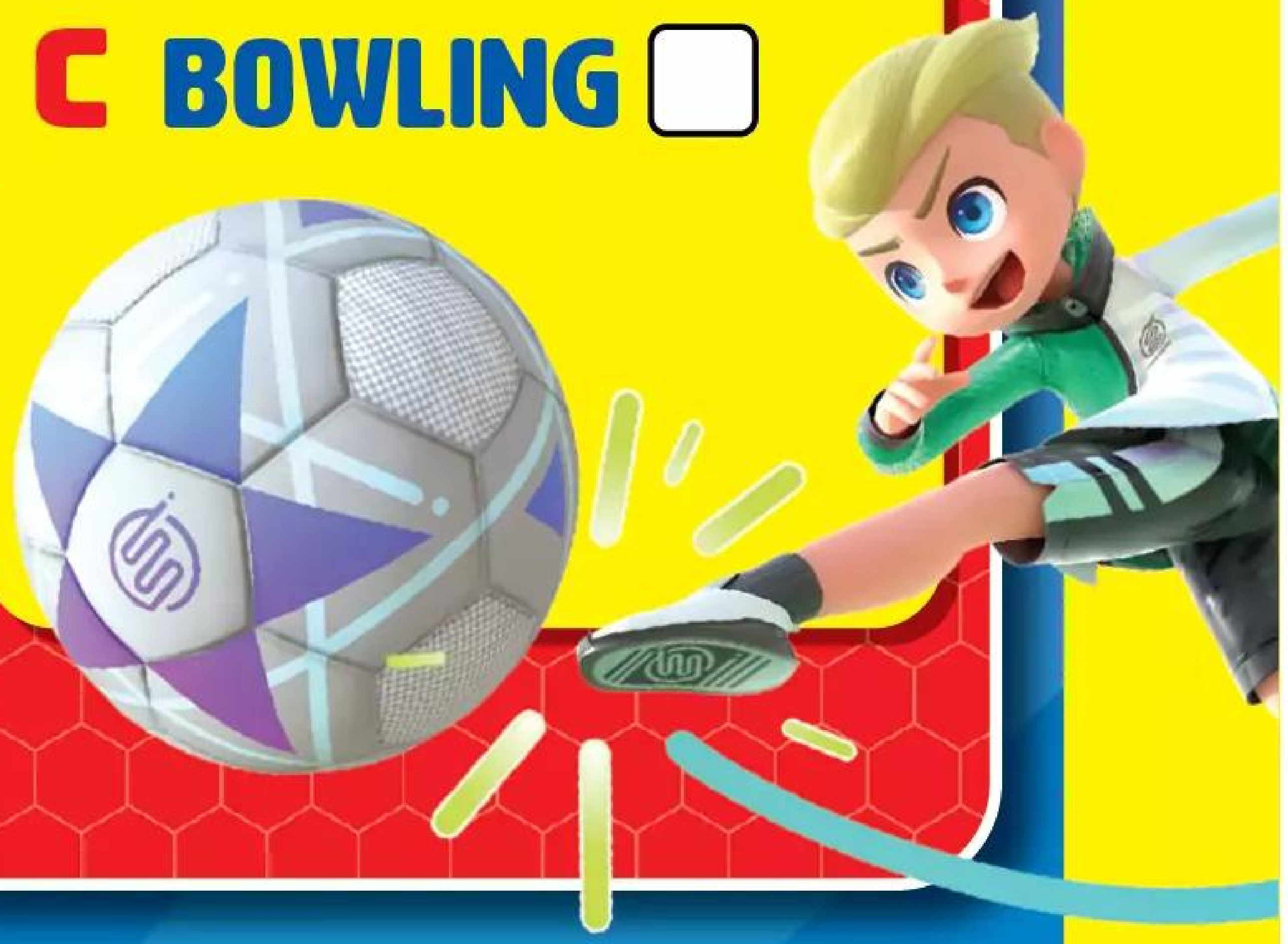
6

Which of these is NOT a playable sport on Nintendo Switch Sports?

A BASEBALL ☐

B BADMINTON ☐

C BOWLING ☐



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Which of these is an activity in Animal Crossing New Horizons?

A MINING ☐

B DIVING ☐

C SCAFFOLDING ☐

8

Which character runs the gift shop in Hello Kitty's Island Adventure?

A BADTZ-MARU ☐ B CHOCOCAT ☐ C MY MELODY ☐

9

Who is the leader of Endermen?

A ENDER DRAGON ☐

B WITHER STORM DRAGON ☐

C CREEPER DRAGON ☐

10

Which of these is NOT a core game mode in Marvel Rivals?

A CONVOY ☐

B COMPLY ☐

C CONVERGENCE ☐

YOUR SCORE

/10

ANSWERS: 1. B, 2. C, 3. C, 4. A, 5. B, 6. A, 7. B, 8. C, 9. A, 10. B.

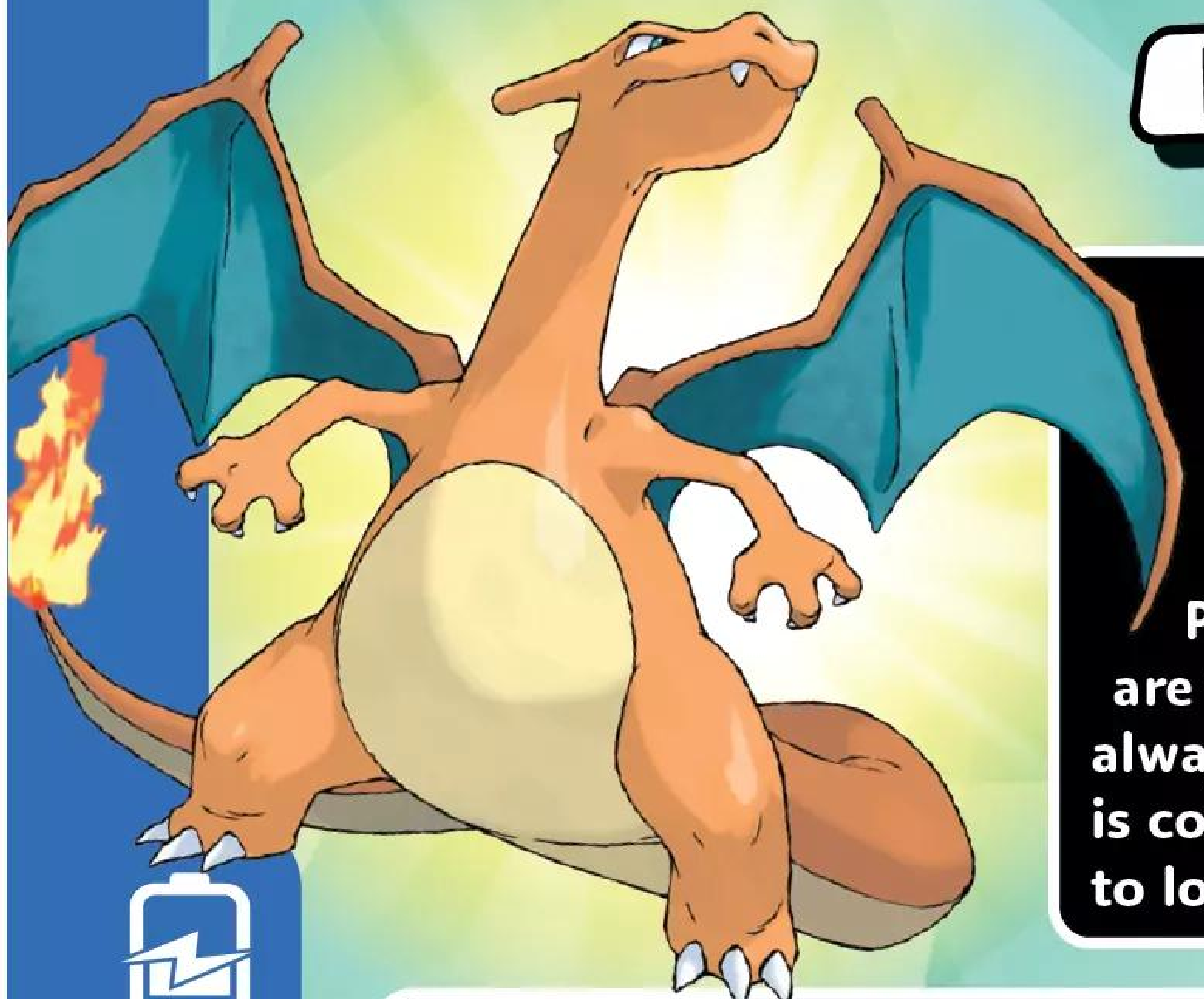
EPIC EVOLUTIONS!

WE RANK OUR MOST-LOVED LEVELLED-UP POKÉMON.

8-10
AWESOME!

5-7
GREAT!

1-4
COOL!

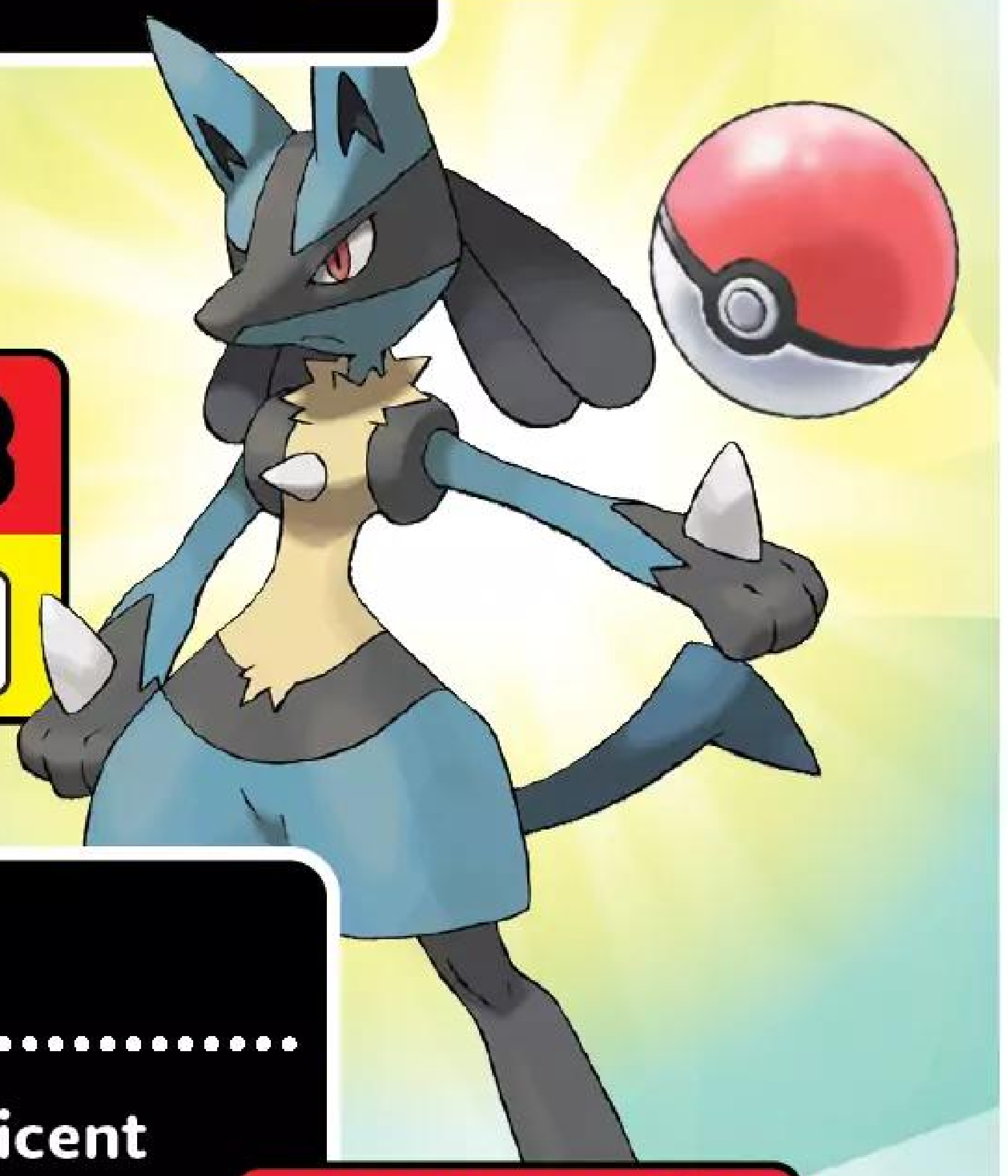


CHARIZARD

Along with Pikachu, Charizard is an undisputed Pokémon icon. Those wings are the ultimate flex, its face is always set to salty and that tail is constantly on fire. What's not to love?

OUR RATING: 9

YOUR RATING: ☐

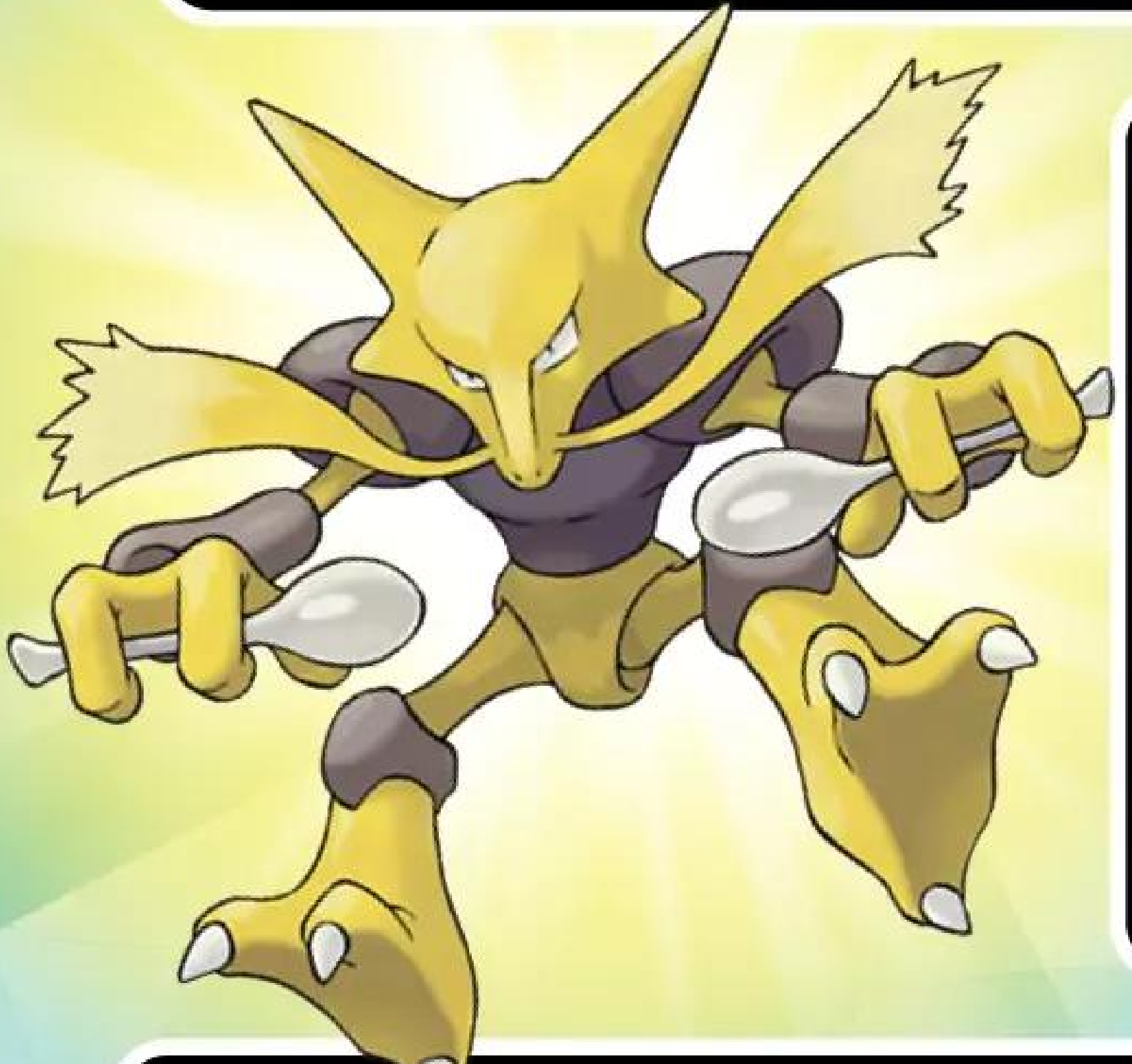


LUCARIO

With a name like that, Lucario can't help but be awesome. It stands out from the Pokémon crowd with some unique abilities that just hit different — literally!

OUR RATING: 8

YOUR RATING: ☐

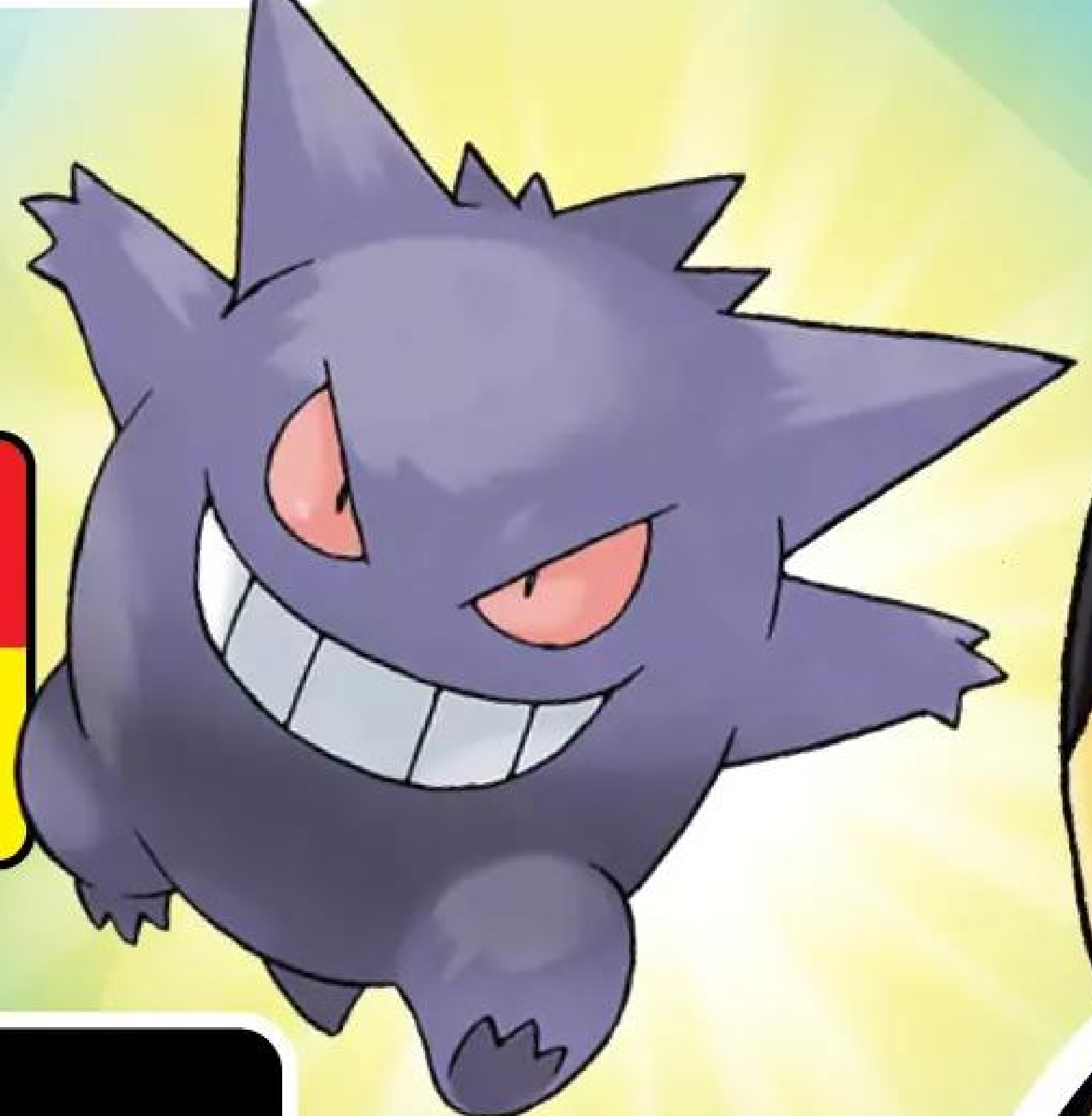


ALAKAZAM

Is there a more magnificent moustache in gaming than Alakazam's? Of course not! This Psychic-type has immense power and intellect to go with its gravity-refusing facial hair.

OUR RATING: 8

YOUR RATING: ☐

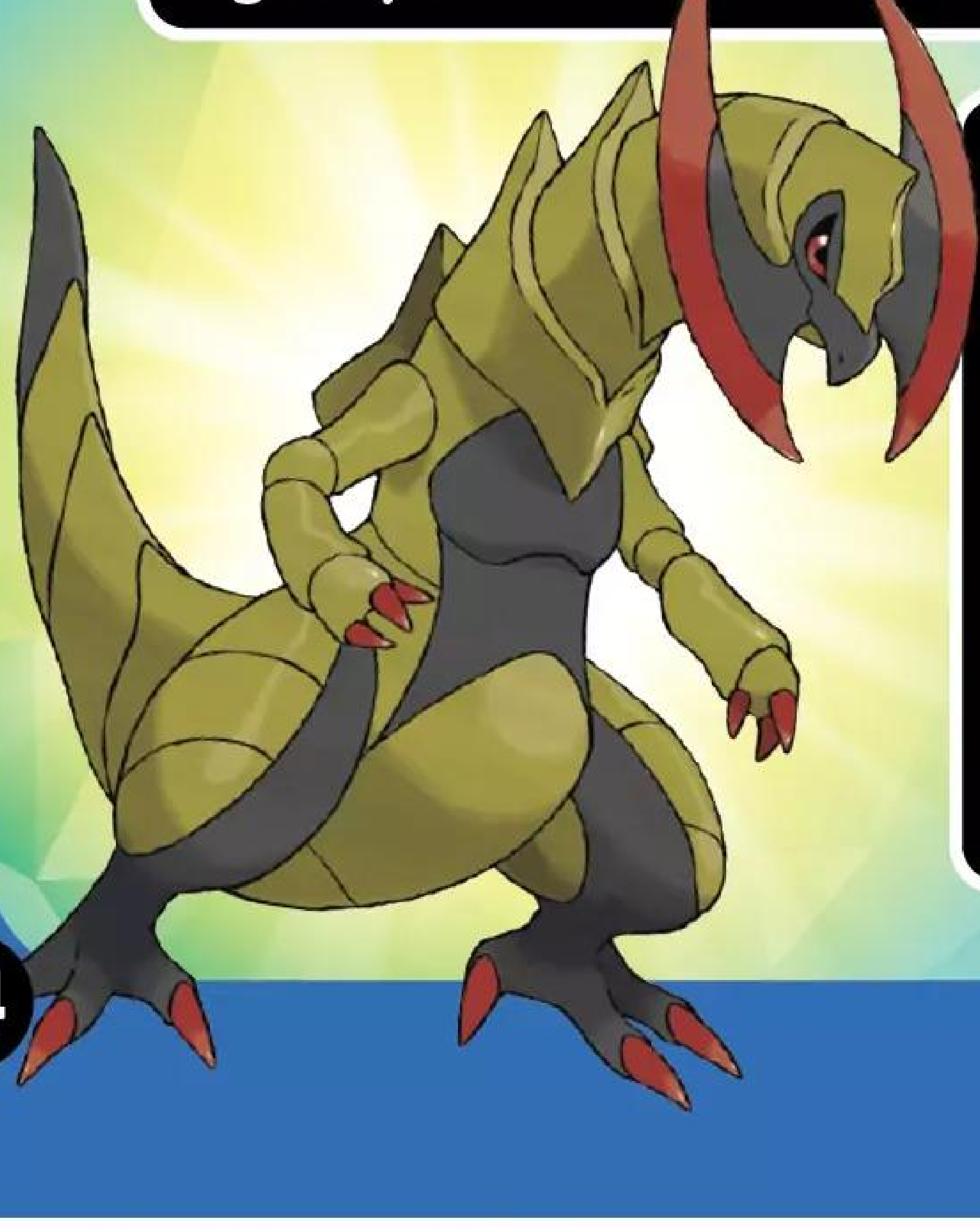


GENGAR

We all have that one mate who takes pranks too far — that's Gengar. But as Ghost/Poison-types are rare, it's worth putting up with for when you're in a tight spot.

OUR RATING: 7

YOUR RATING: ☐



HAXORUS

If you designed your own Pokémon, it'd probably look a bit like Haxorus. Armour plating, a dozen claws and bladed tusks bigger than its entire face make this one fearsome fighter.

OUR RATING: 7

YOUR RATING: ☐

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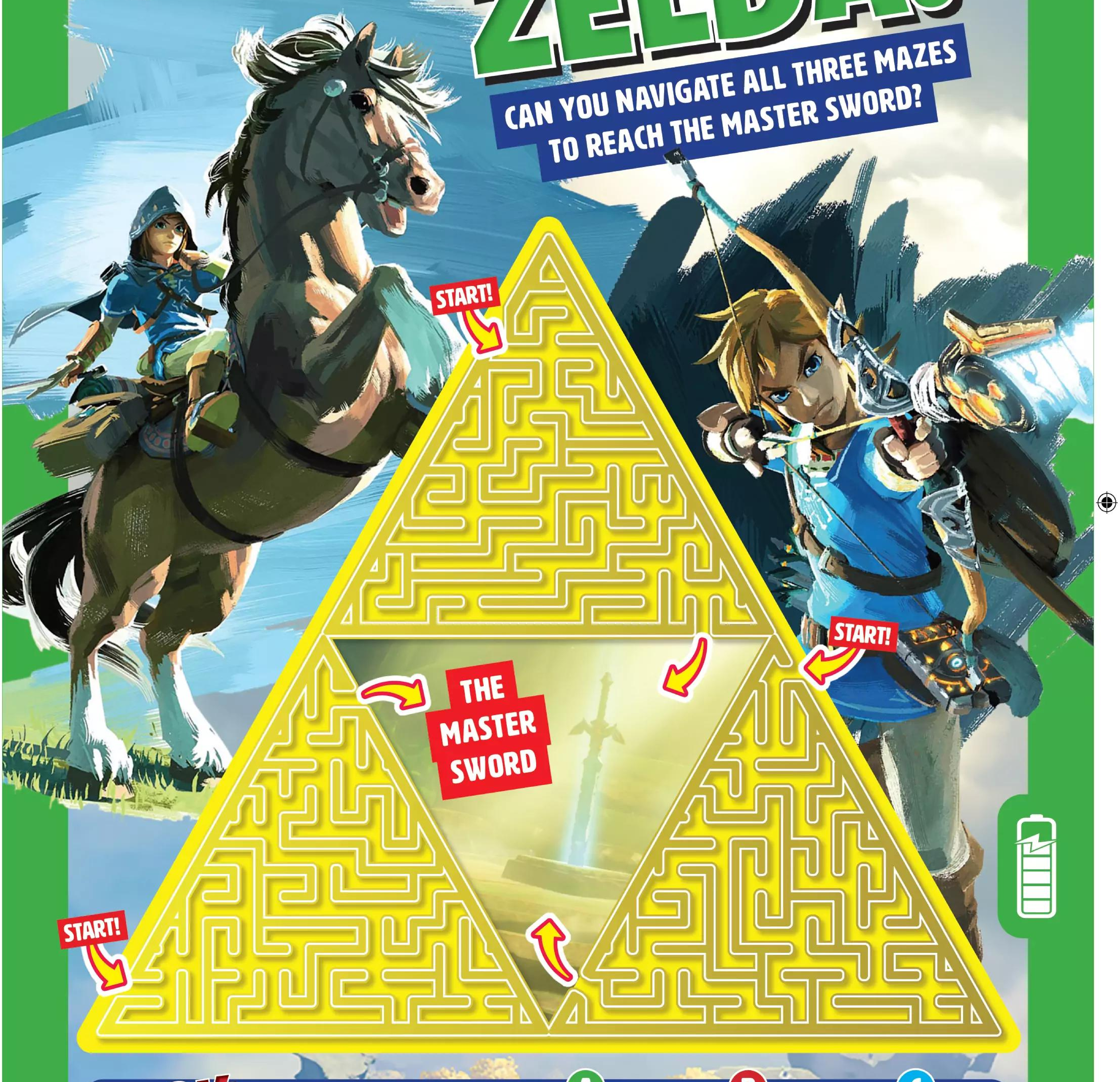
LABYRINTH OF ZELDA!

CAN YOU NAVIGATE ALL THREE MAZES TO REACH THE MASTER SWORD?


START!
START!
START!
THE MASTER SWORD

QUICK QUIZ!

Two of these Master Sword descriptions have appeared in *Zelda* games. Which have we made up?

A THE SWORD THAT SEALS THE DARKNESS

B THE BLADE OF EVIL'S BANE

C THE SABER WITH LEGENDARY FLEX

ANSWER: C

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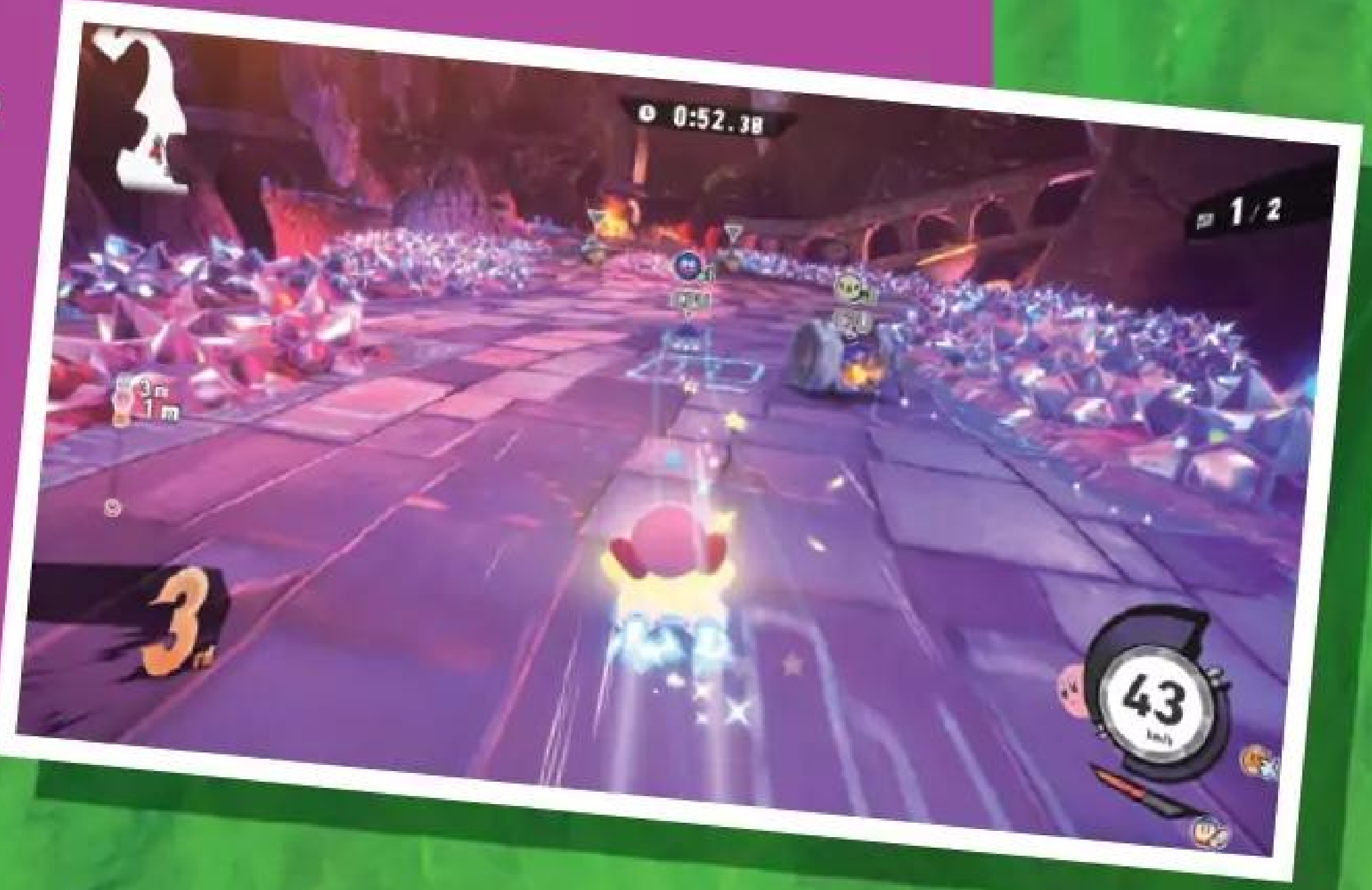
KIRBY CHAOS!

NINTENDO'S PINK BLOB OF GOO RETURNS IN KIRBY AIR RIDERS – AND WE ARE HERE FOR IT!

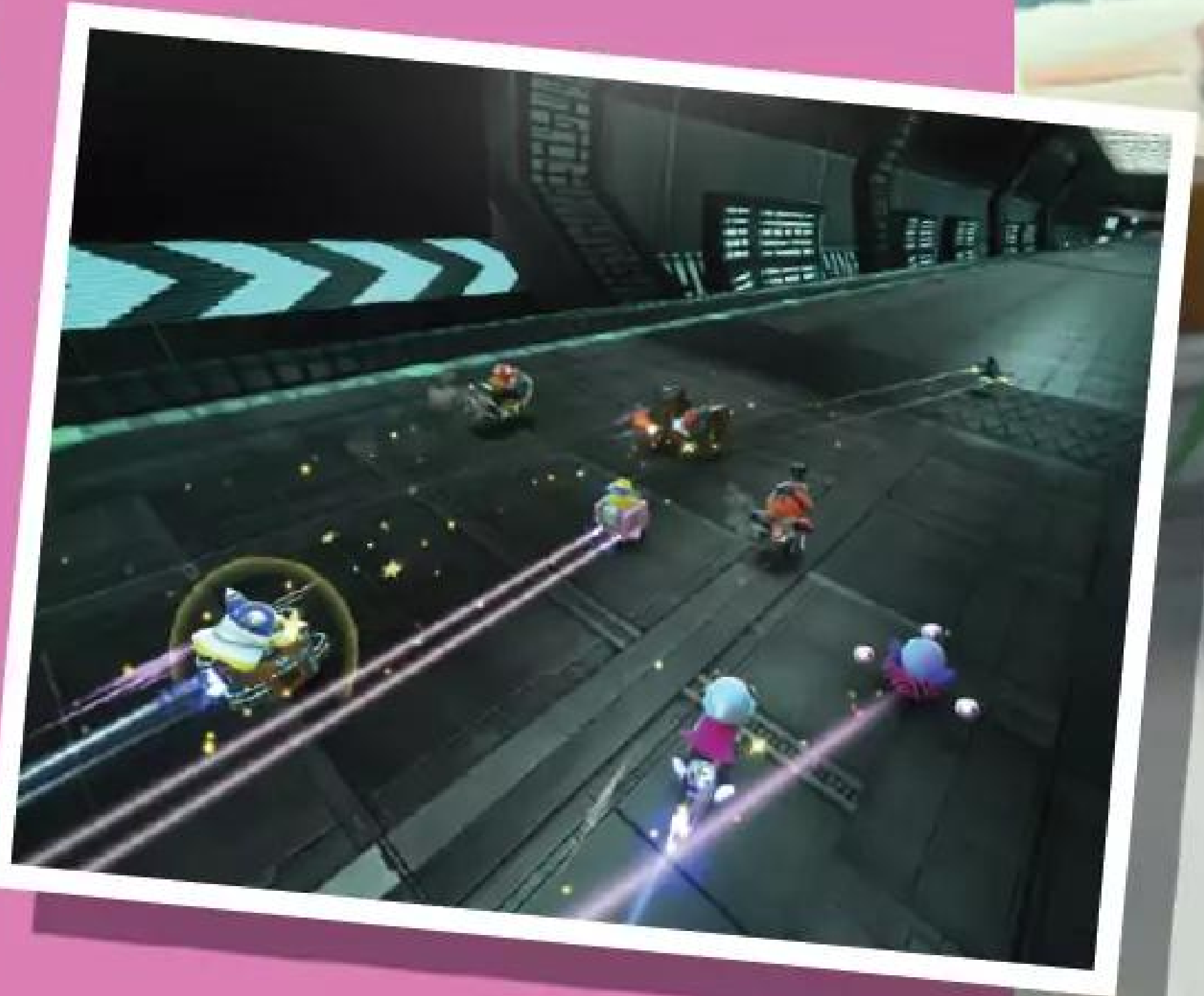
TWO-DECADE WAIT!

Kirby Air Riders drops in November and is the sequel to Kirby Air Ride, which came out a mind-boggling 22 years ago! The new game definitely has similar vibes to the original but with the upgraded graphics, online modes and expanded gameplay you'd expect in 2025.



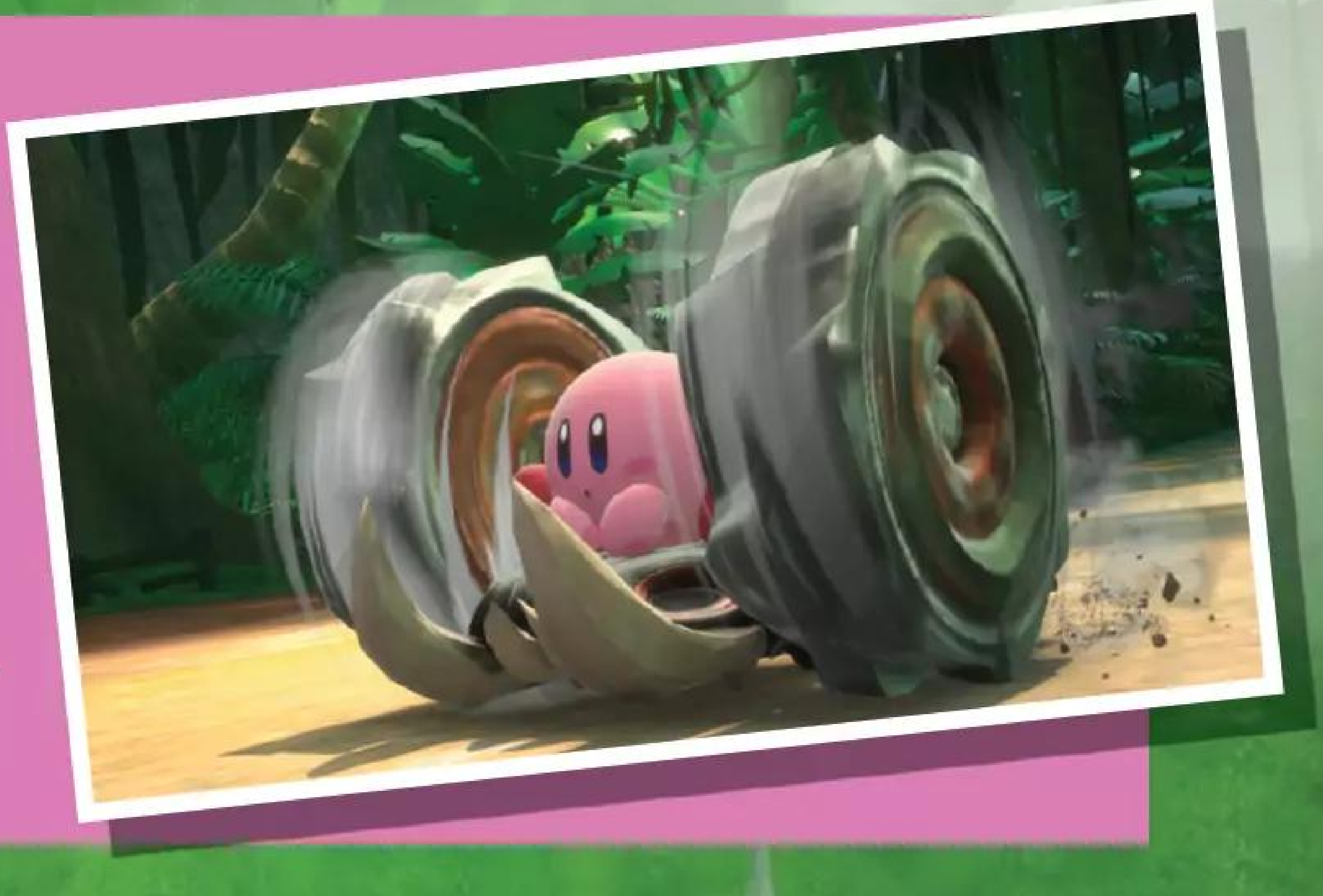
KIRBY KART?

At first glance, you might wonder why Nintendo waited 22 years then decided to drop a racing game just after the launch of Mario Kart World and Sonic Racing: CrossWorlds. And yes, Air Riders' races do have a bit in common with those two smash hits. But don't worry, this game has a super-squishy secret weapon...



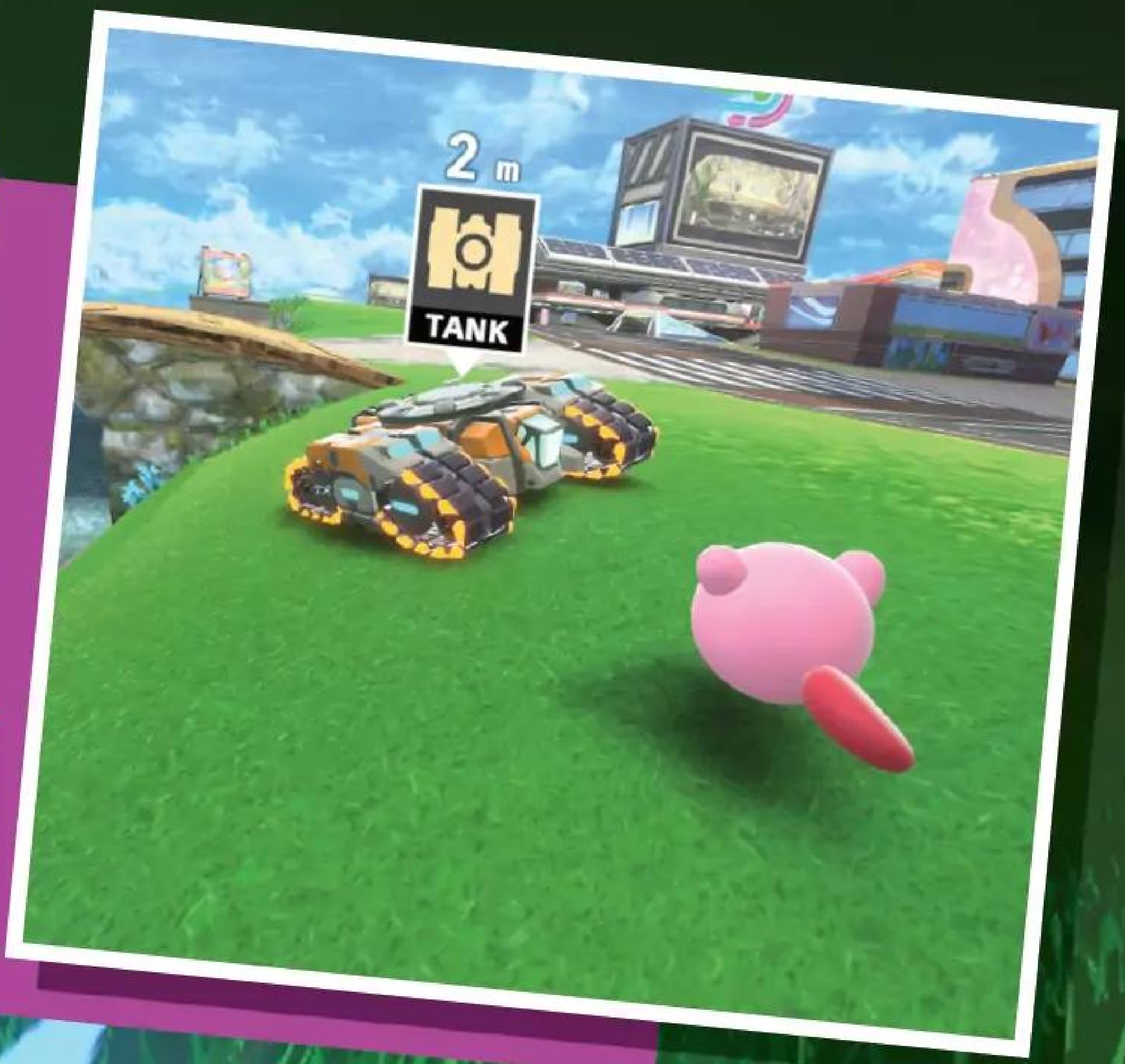
SIMPLE, NOT SIMPLE

The good news for newbies is that Air Riders boasts super-simple controls — you don't even need to accelerate, just steer and brake! But beneath these basics you'll find more complex techniques, such as drifting your way into a perfect speed boost or pointing your nose up or down to pull off a sick trick.



NOT REALLY A RACER

City Trial mode is what sets **Air Riders** apart from the competition. This drops you and your rivals into an open world that you have to zoom around collecting power-ups, with the aim of upgrading your vehicle as much as poss. When time is up, you're chucked into one of countless mini-games to see if your build is the best of the bunch!

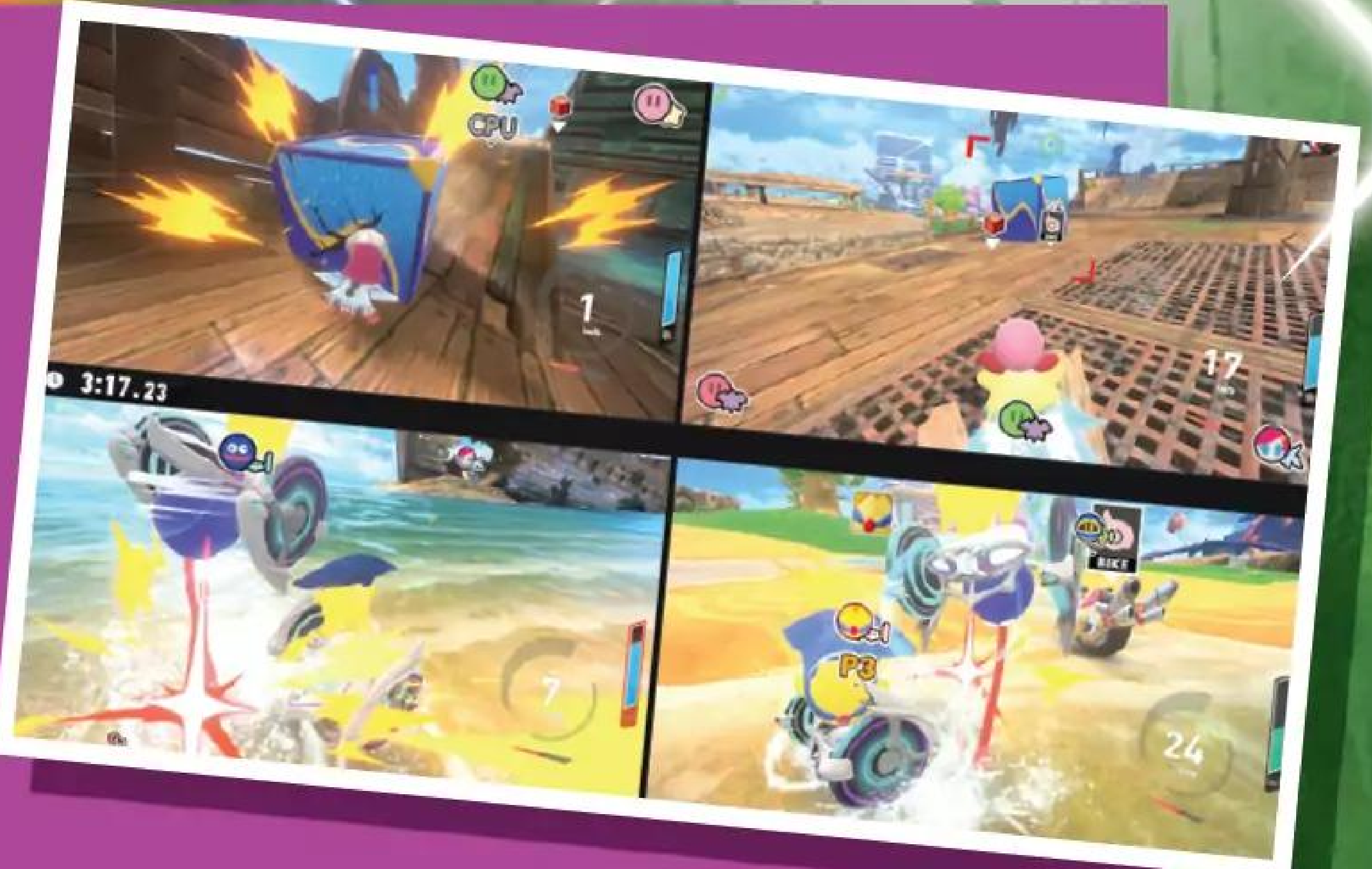


MAXXING THE STATS

There's a huge range of power-ups that make a much bigger difference than in other games. These upgrades buff abilities such as speed, weight, attack power and defensive strength. Kirby is famous for inhaling and absorbing things, so it's no surprise the cheeky pink splodge can steal abilities in **Air Riders**. But to keep things fair, this time every character can pull off a similar trick too!

MULTIPLAYER MAYHEM!

The team behind **Air Riders** is led by the same genius that gave us **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate**, which helps explain why Kirby's latest game is all about chaotic combat rather than just routine racing. This sequel is a fast and fun-filled free-for-all that could turn out to be an online multiplayer classic.



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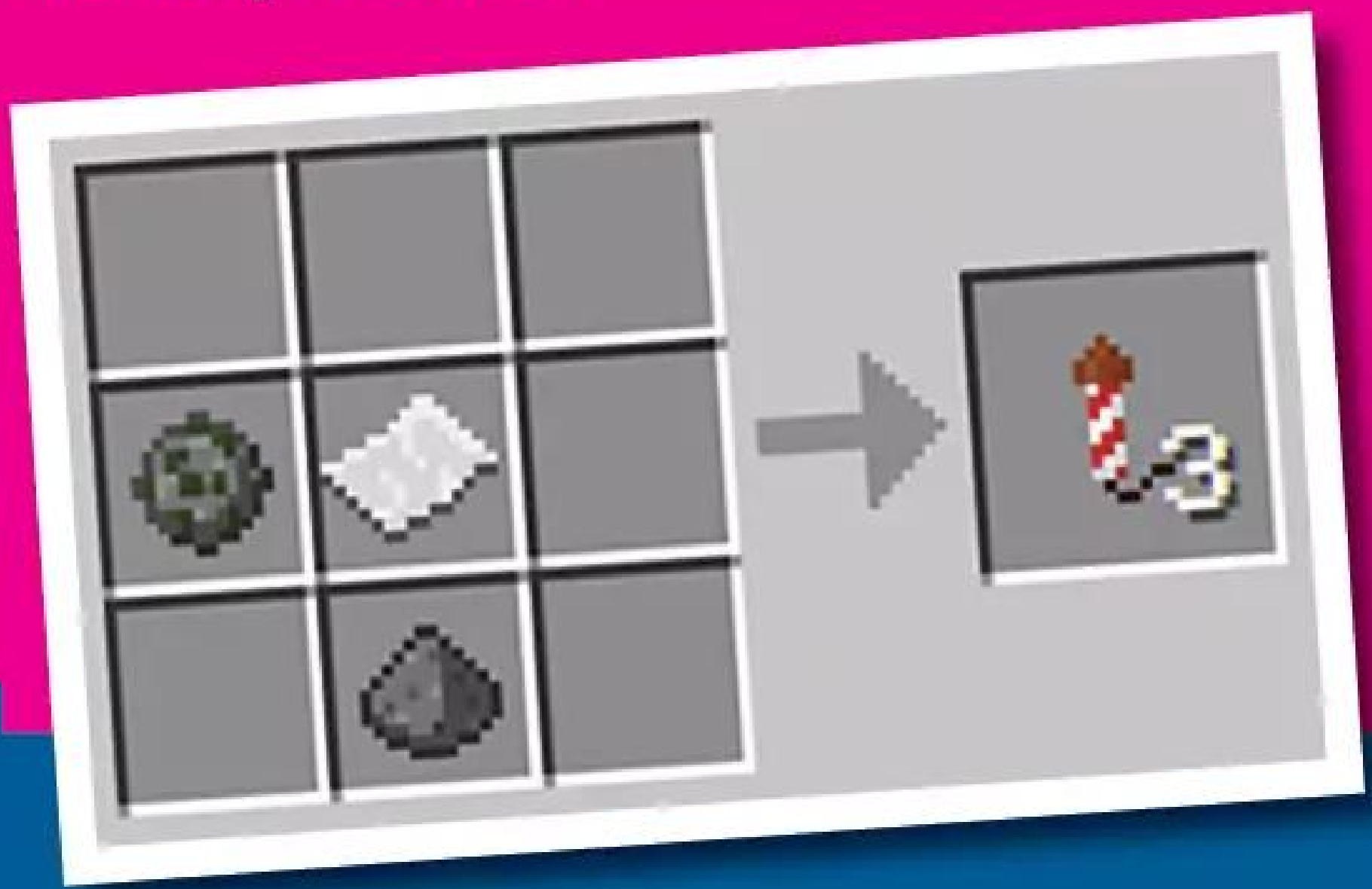
MINECRAFT FIREWORK FACTORY

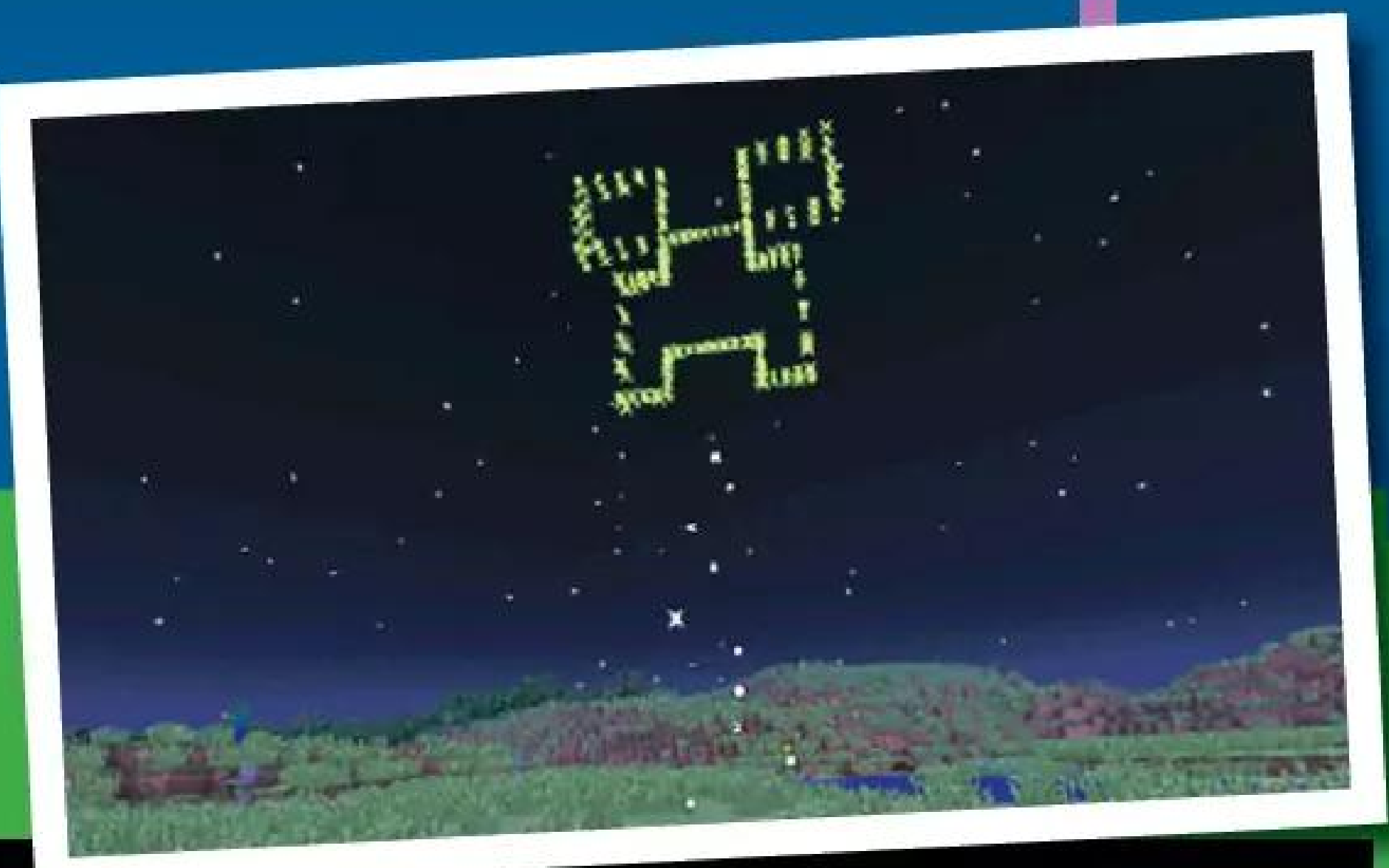
LIGHT UP THE SKY WITH THESE TOP TIPS!

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A DINOSAUR AND A FIREWORK?
DINOMITE!

GETTING STARTED

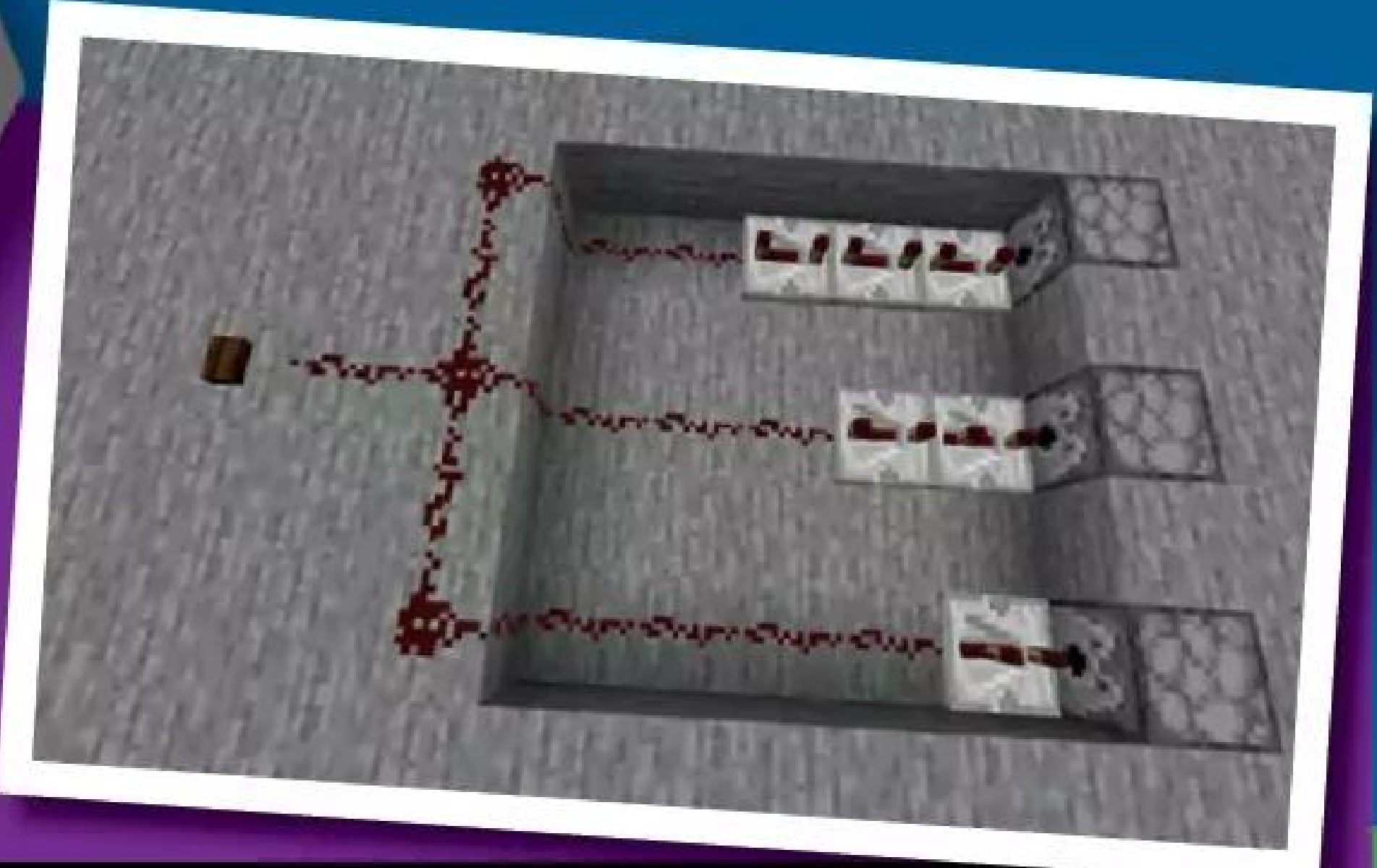
- To put on an epic firework display, you'll need to craft some special rockets! Do this by combining paper and gunpowder like you would for a basic rocket, but then adding a firework star to give it a cool effect when it explodes.





SPECIAL EFFECTS

- If you want your explosion to look even cooler, try adding other items into your firework star recipe. Adding a Creeper head will give your explosion a Creeper-shaped face, and adding a gold nugget will make your explosion star-shaped!



REDSTONE READY

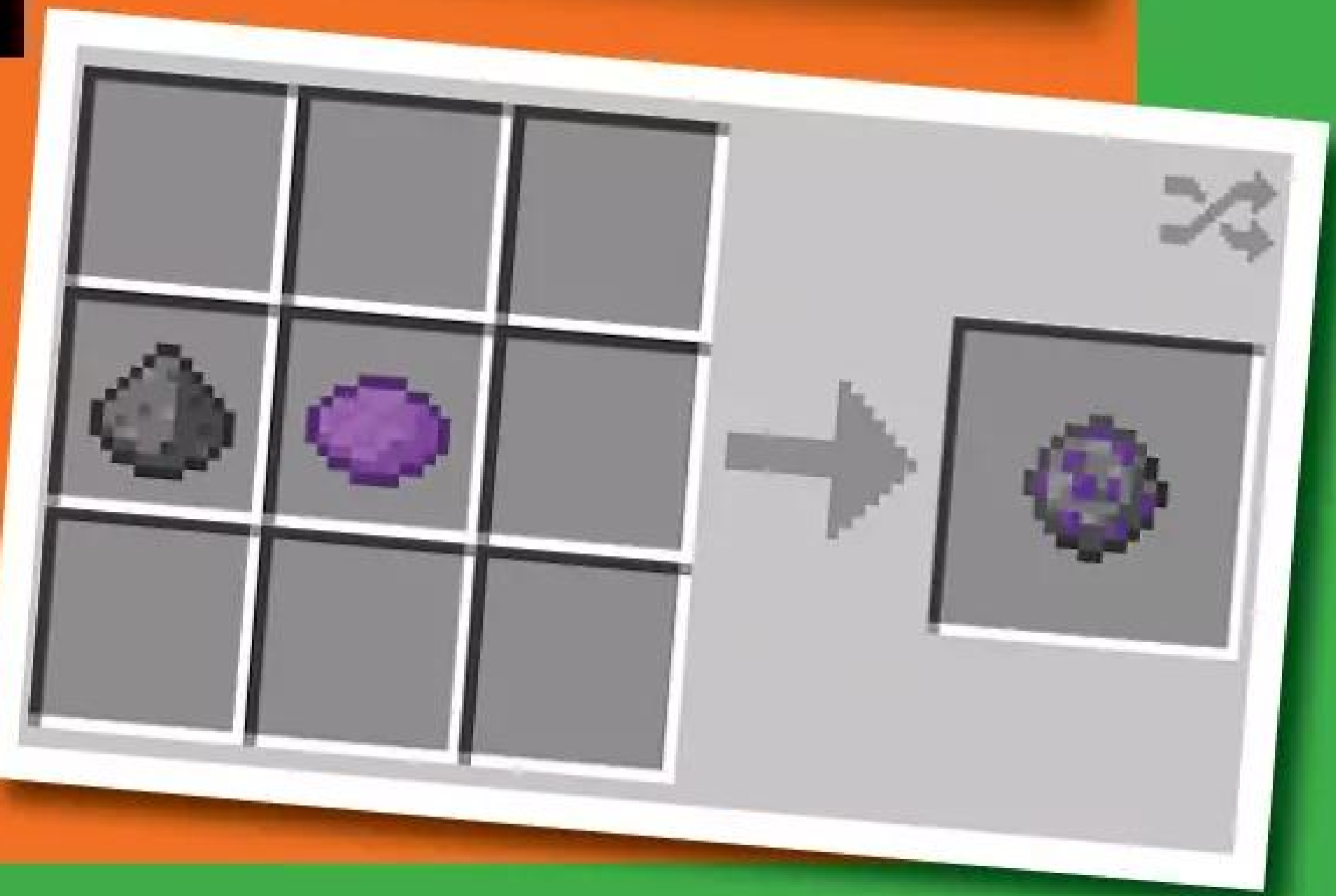
- You can create timed displays by building a rig out of redstone, redstone repeaters and dispensers. This will take your display to the next level and mean you can enjoy it from a distance, just like everyone else.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can use fireworks to power your elytra flight, or even fire them out of crossbows!

FIREWORK STARS

- You can craft firework stars by combining gunpowder with any colour of dye. The colour you pick will change the colour of your firework's explosion!



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Terror in Little Creek
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Terror in Little Creek

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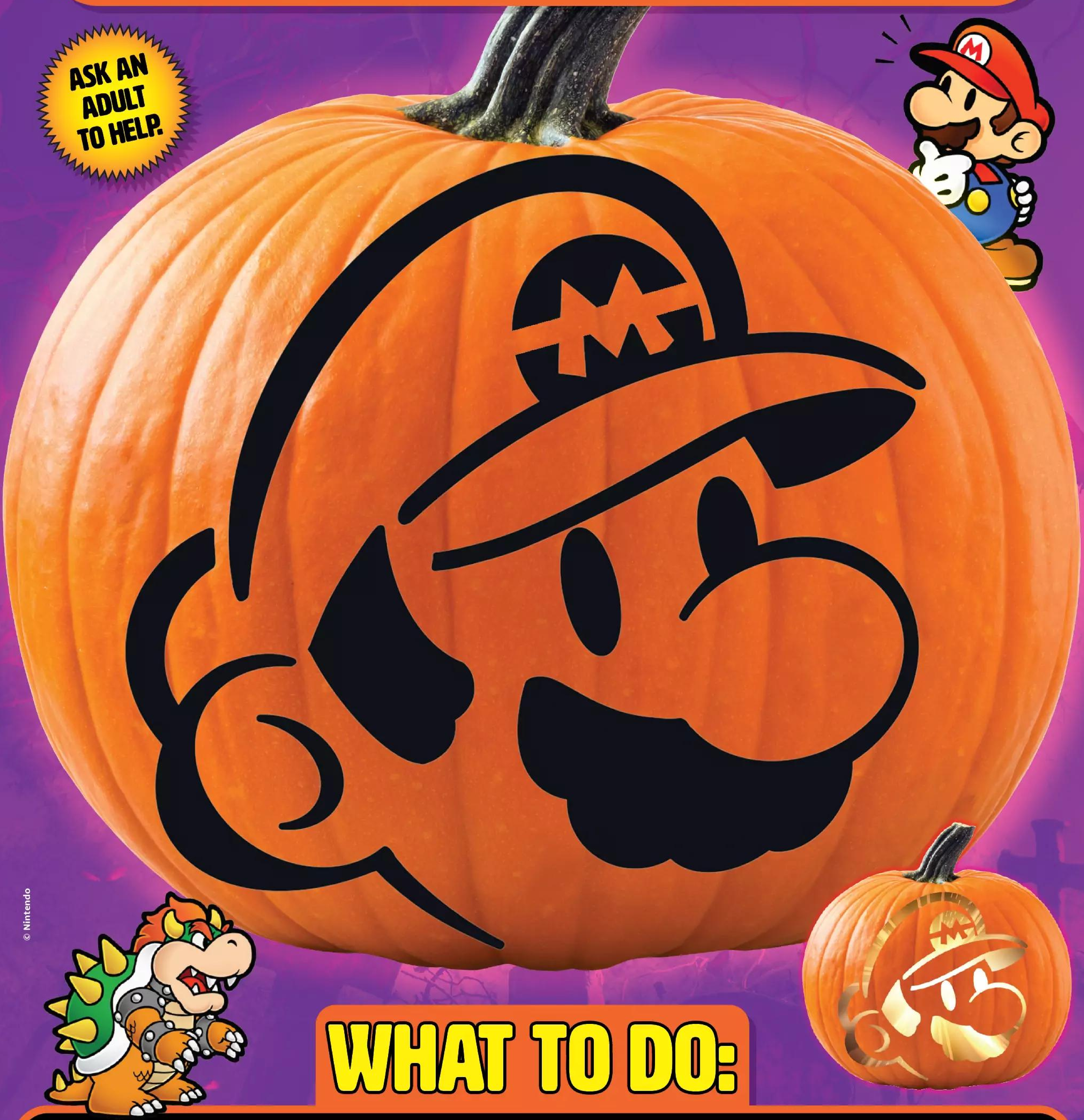
DIY MARIO LANTERN!

FORGET ABOUT JACK-O'-LANTERNS, IT'S TIME FOR MARI-O'-LANTERNS!

ASK AN ADULT TO HELP.



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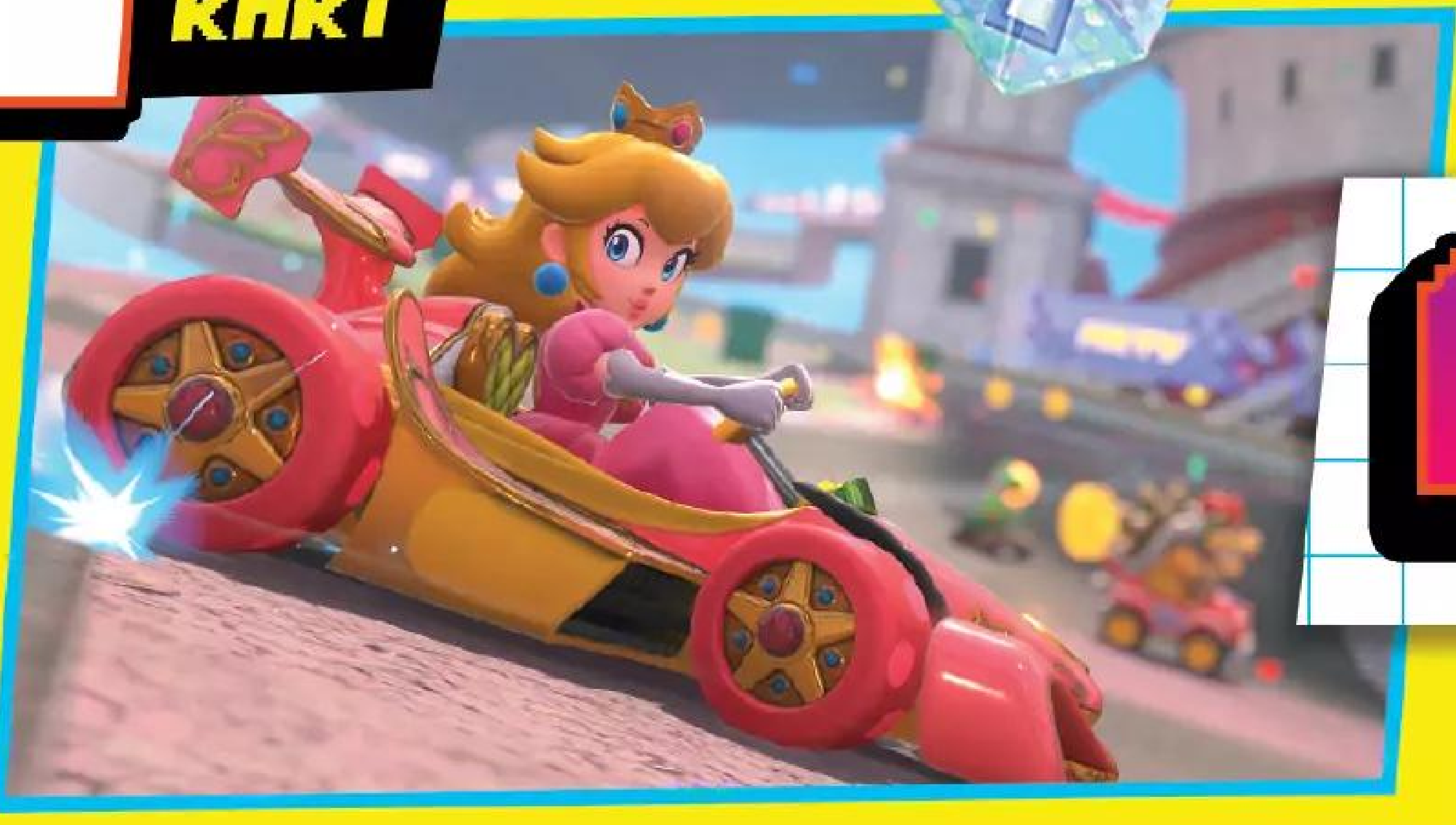
WHAT TO DO:

1. Prep your pumpkin by cutting off the lid and scooping out the insides.
2. Carefully cut out the stencil on this page and tape it to your pumpkin. Use a skewer to poke holes into your pumpkin, following the black lines of the stencil.
3. Take off the stencil and use a pumpkin carving tool to join up all the dots, pushing away any excess pumpkin.
4. Pop a glow stick or a battery-operated candle inside your pumpkin and watch **Mario** light up the night!

THIS OR THAT

TICK WHICH ONE YOU'D PICK!

☐ **KART**



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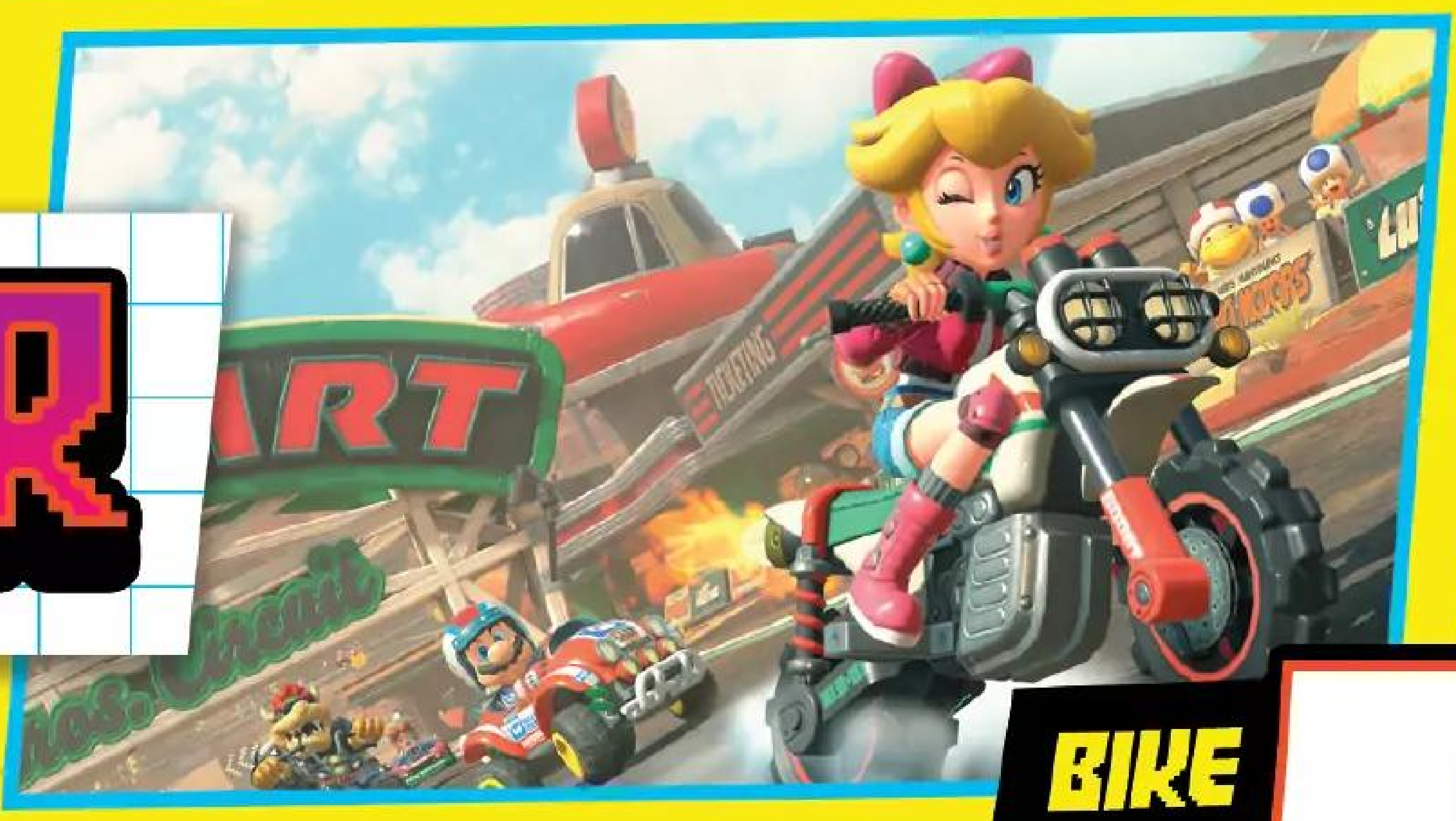
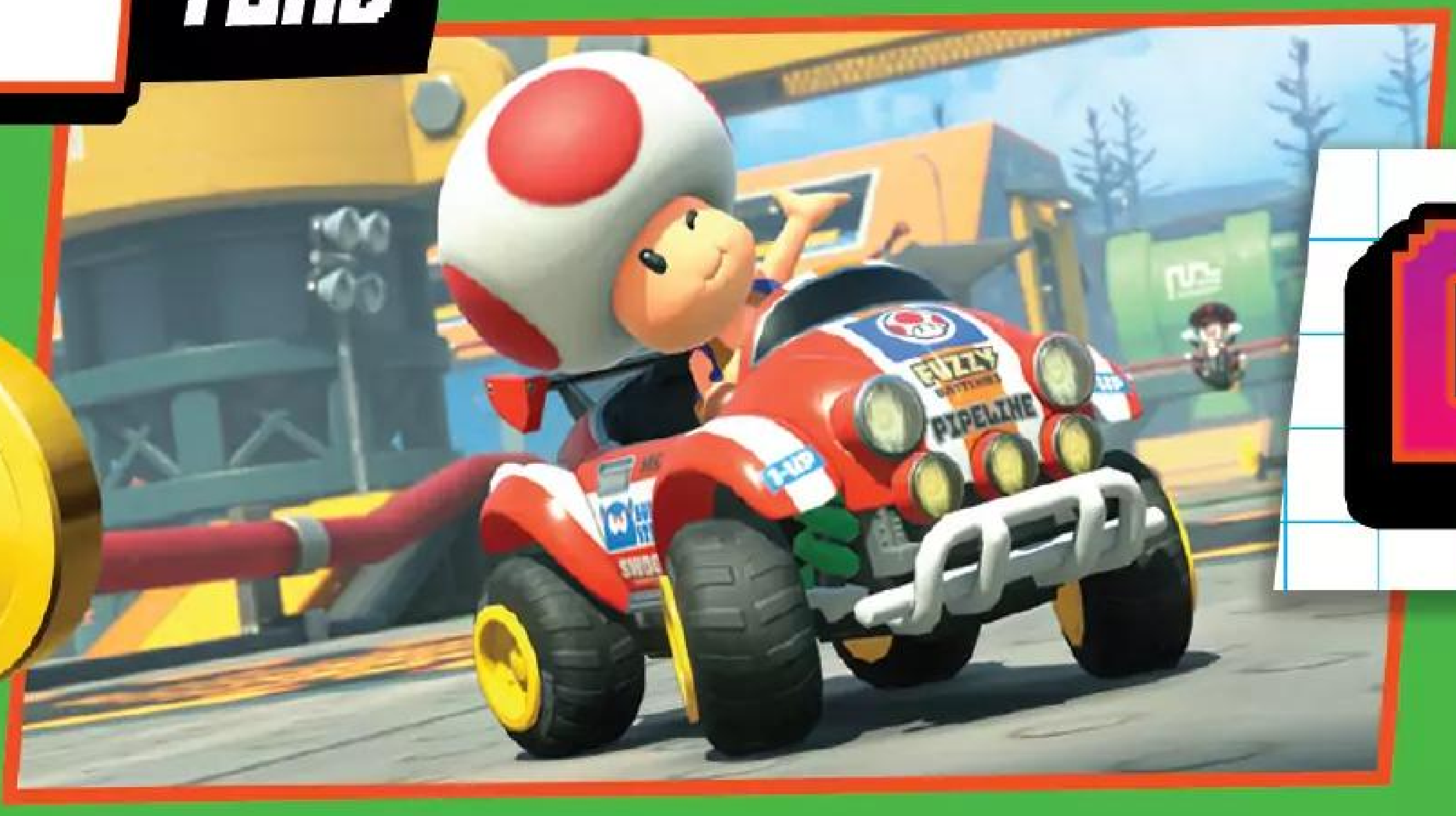


BIKE ☐

☐ **TOAD**



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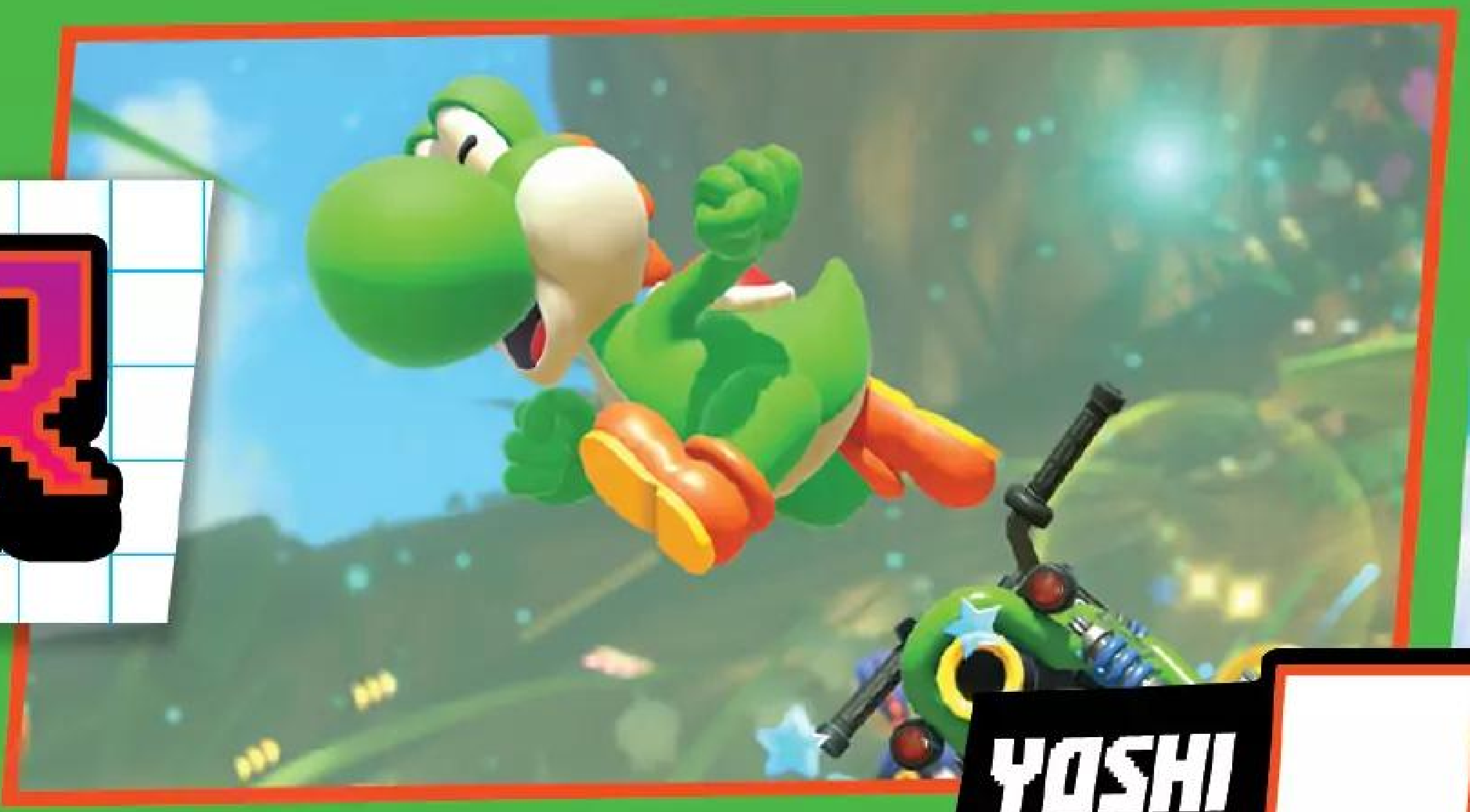
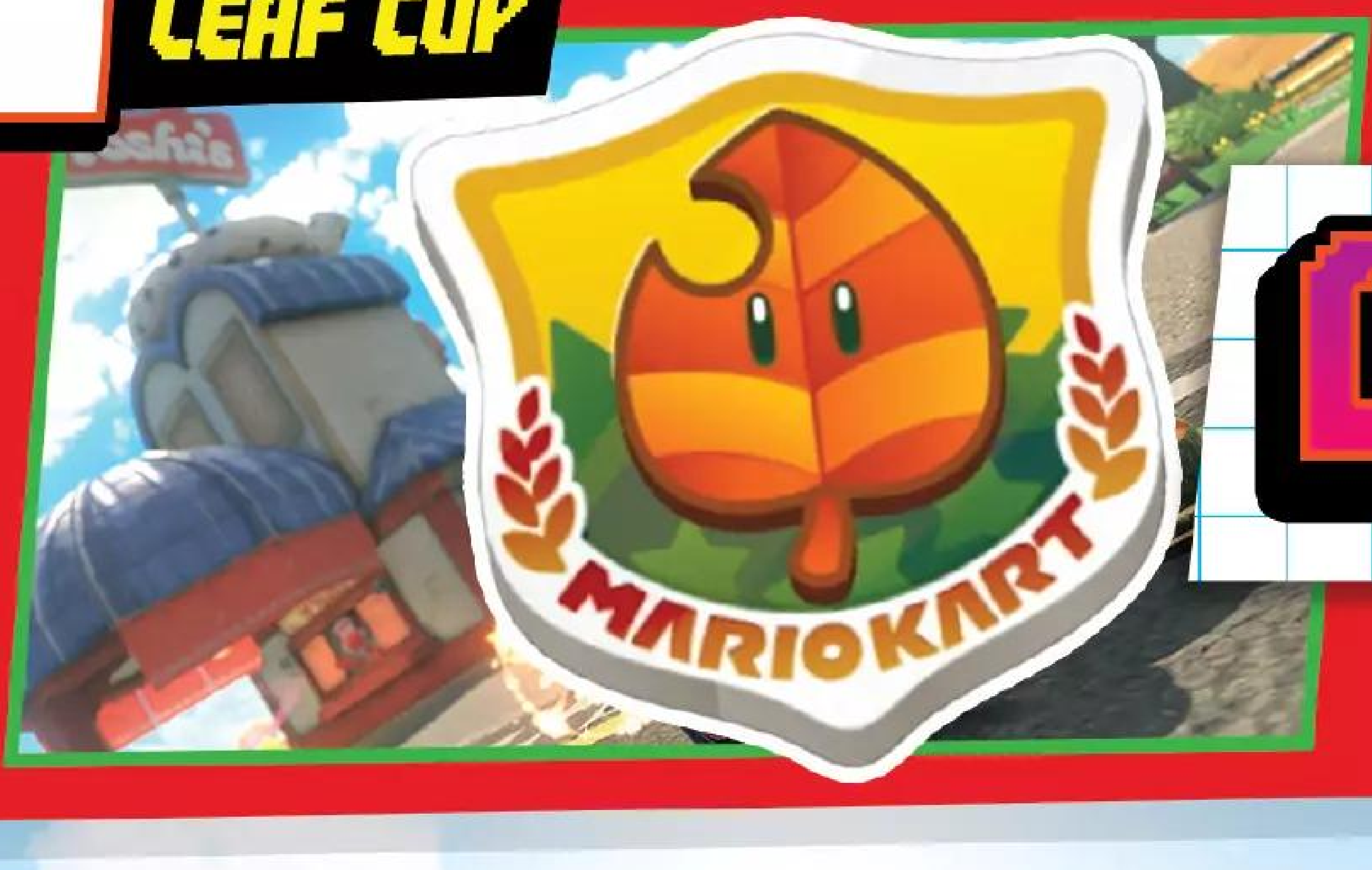


YOSHI ☐

☐ **LEAF CUP**



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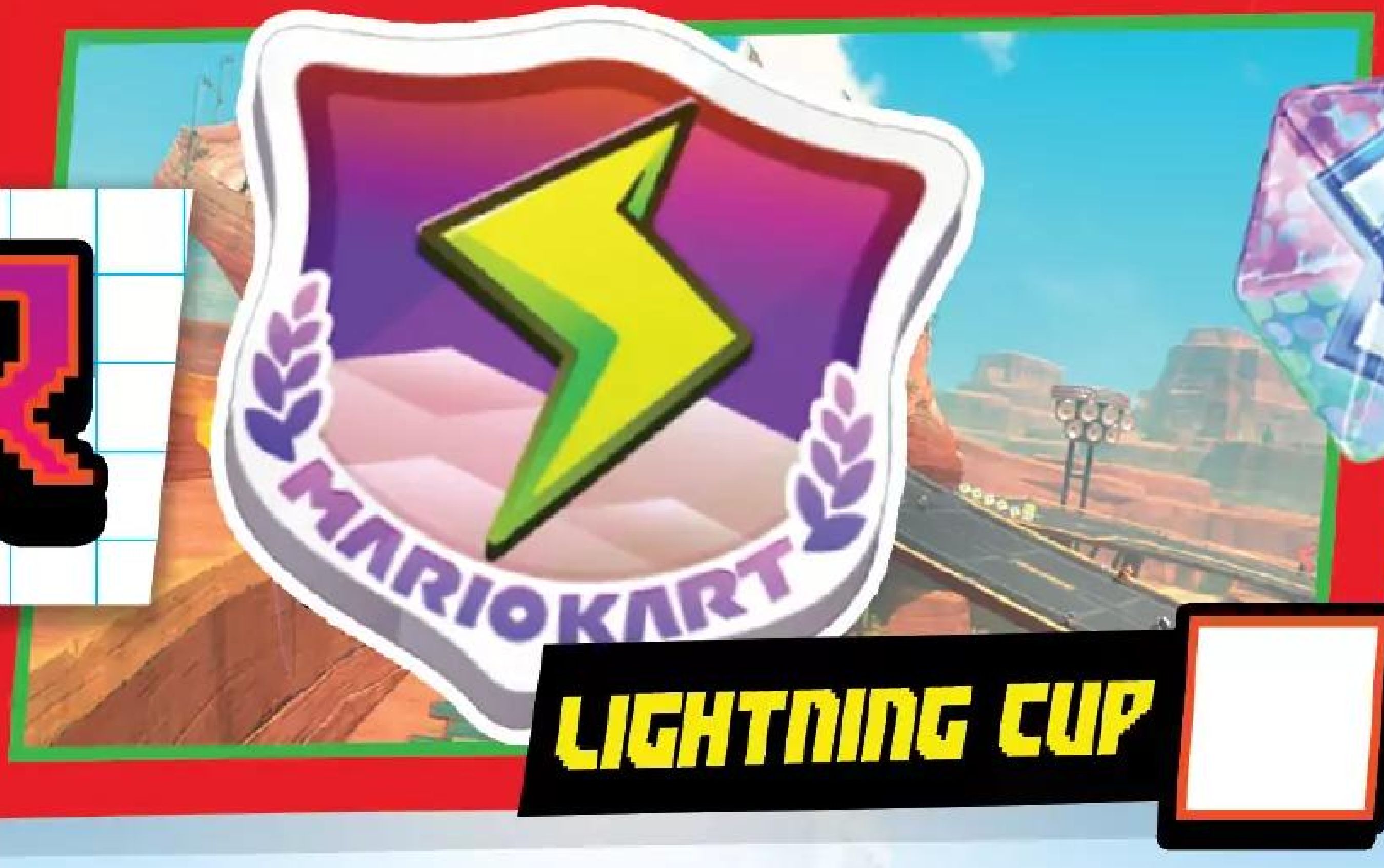
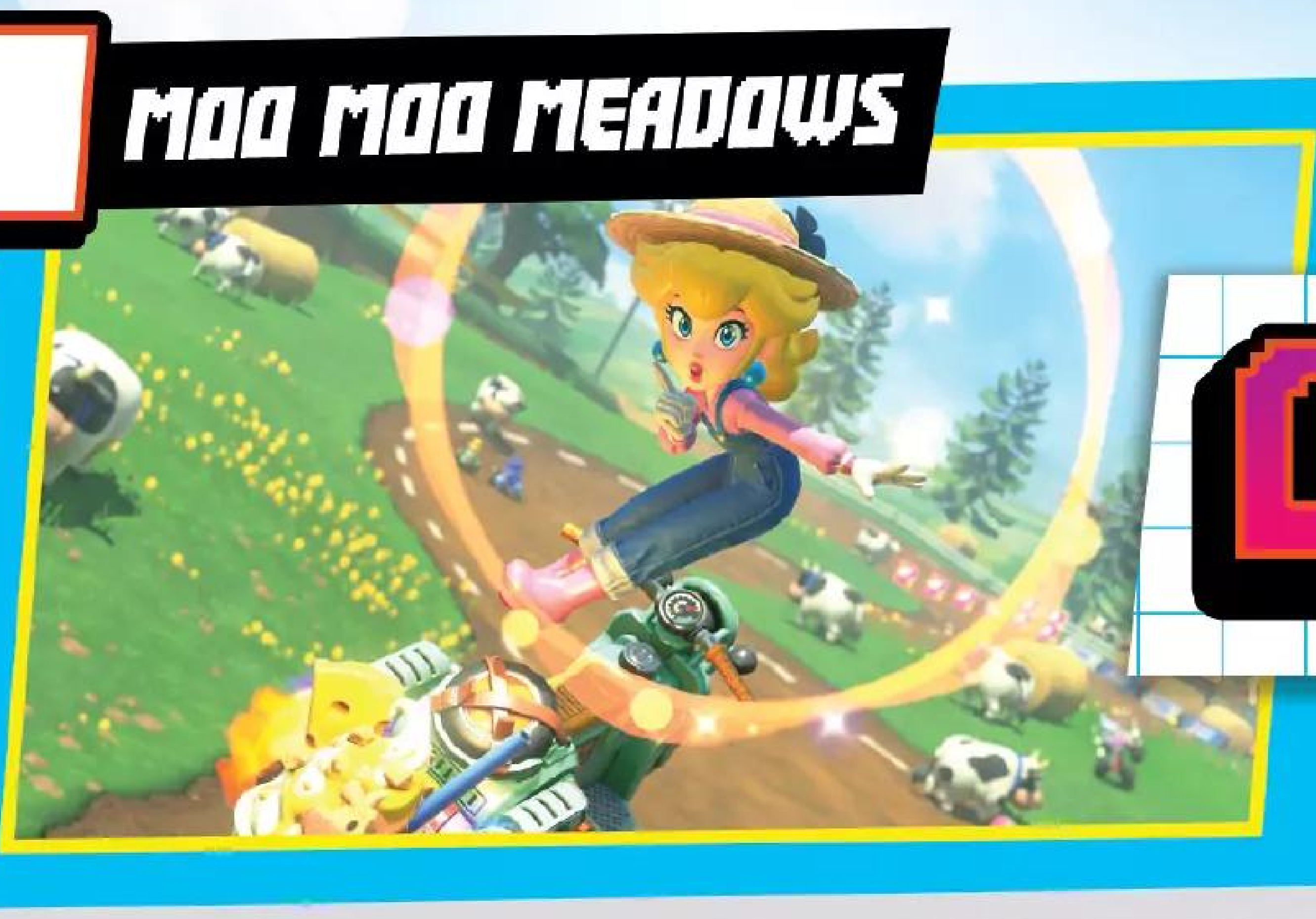


LIGHTNING CUP ☐

☐ **MOO MOO MEADOWS**



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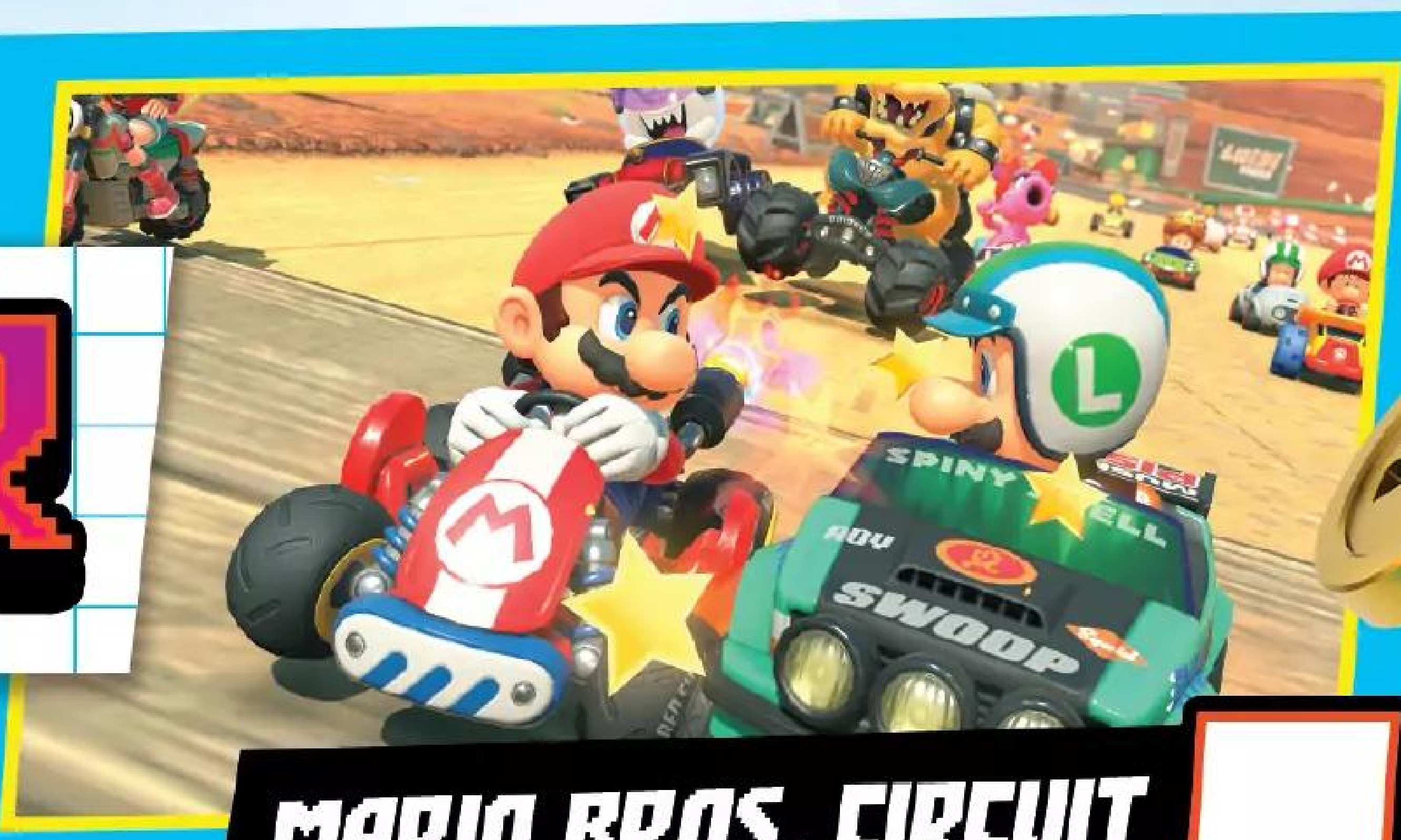

MARIO BROS. CIRCUIT ☐

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BE A ROBLOX CREATOR!

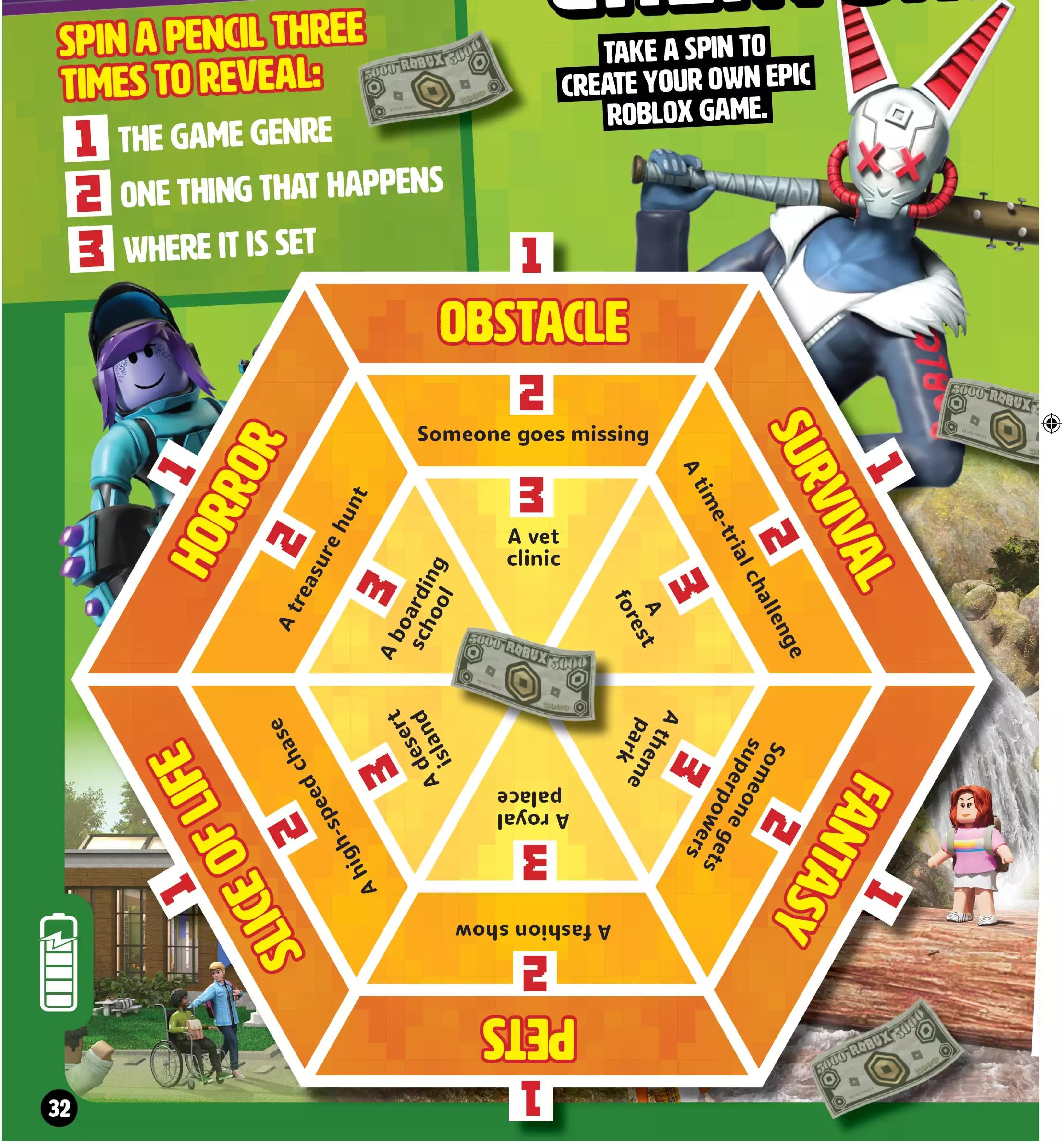
SPIN A PENCIL THREE TIMES TO REVEAL:

1 THE GAME GENRE

2 ONE THING THAT HAPPENS

3 WHERE IT IS SET

TAKE A SPIN TO CREATE YOUR OWN EPIC ROBLOX GAME.



1 OBSTACLE
2 Someone goes missing
3 A vet clinic

1 SURVIVAL
2 A time-trial challenge
3 A forest

1 FANTASY
2 Someone gets superpowers
3 A theme park

1 PETS
2 A fashion show
3 A royal palace

1 SLICE OF LIFE
2 A high-speed chase
3 A desert island

1 HORROR
2 A treasure hunt
3 A boarding school

USE THE SPACE TO DRAW YOUR MAIN CHARACTER AND LOCATION.

When you've finished your design, don't forget to add a splash of colour!

What'll you call the game?

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TOUCHLINE TEST!

LET'S SEE HOW YOUR FC 25 EXPERTISE MEASURES UP.

1 How many years ago did EA Sports release its first football game?

A 12 ☐ **B** 22 ☐ **C** 32 ☐

2 At launch, who was the highest-rated left-wing player in FC 25?

A VINICIUS JNR ☐
B NICO WILLIAMS ☐
C LUIS DIAZ ☐

3 Which of the stadiums that feature in FC 25 has the biggest capacity?

A ESTADIO SANTIAGO BERNABÉU ☐
B OLD TRAFFORD ☐
C WEMBLEY STADIUM ☐

4 What's the highest points total your FC 25 team can get in a Premier League season?

A 94 ☐
B 104 ☐
C 114 ☐

5 What overall rating did Barcelona's Alexia Putellas have at FC 25's launch?

A 98 ☐
B 90 ☐
C 82 ☐

HOW DID YOU DO?

0-2 GET ON THE BENCH!
You better turn up to training an hour early tomorrow.

3-4 RISING STAR!
Some solid performances but you need more consistency.

5 TOP BALLER!
You've put in the hard yards to be the complete FC 25 player!

ANSWERS: 1: C, 2: A, 3: C, 4: C, 5: B

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110% GAMING
DRAGON BALL
Sparking! ZERO

ULTIMATE BOARD GAME GUIDE!

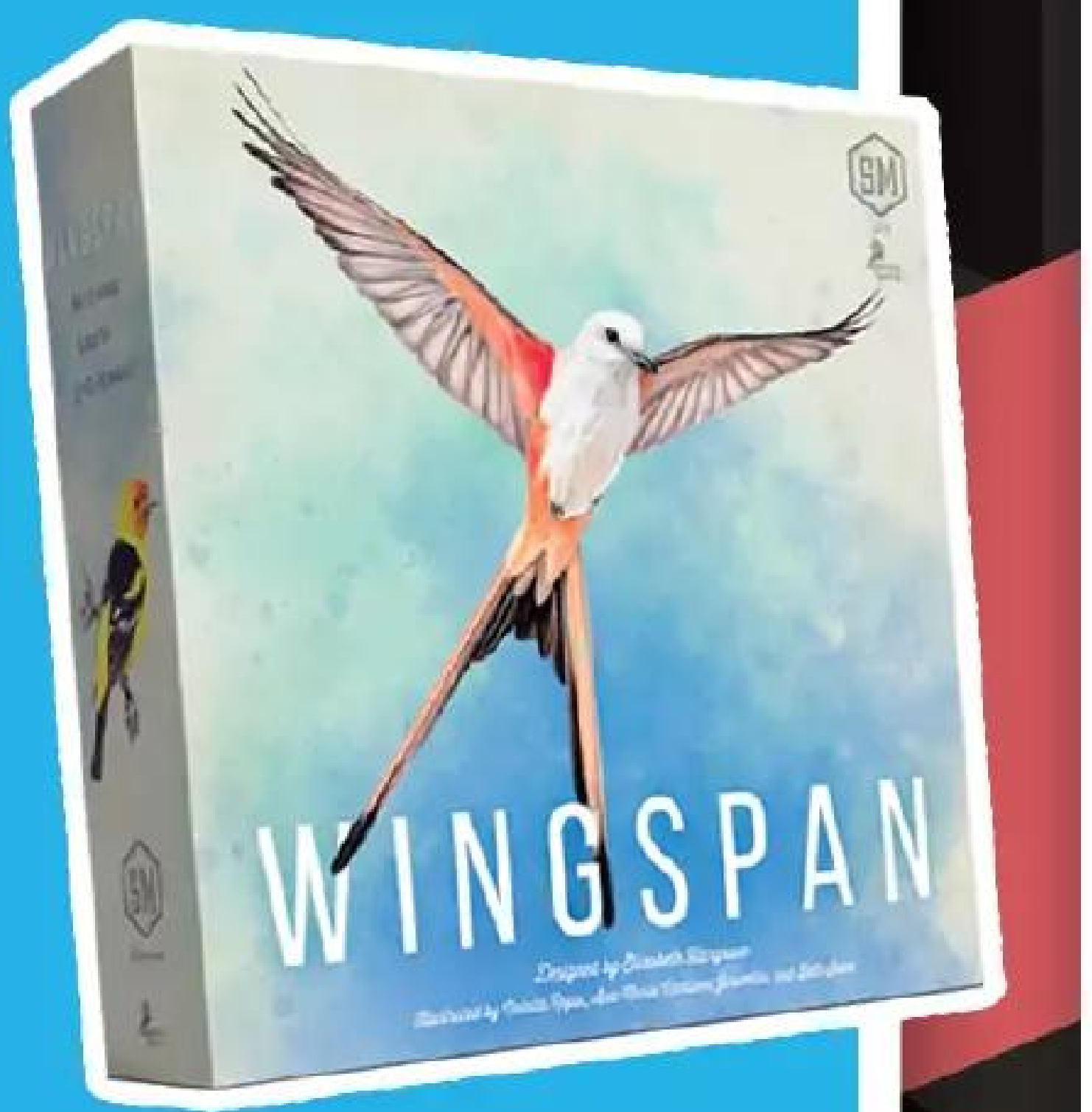
WANNA GET OFFLINE BUT STILL PACK IN GAMING TIME? CHECK OUT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR WISH LIST OR NEXT VISIT TO A BOARD GAME CAFÉ.

WINGSPAN

It's all about the birds. Place cards in different environments, lay eggs, cache food and roll for special predator effects. With lots of goals and bonuses to achieve, it's a rewarding, all-consuming undertaking.

PACE: 3

VARIETY: 5

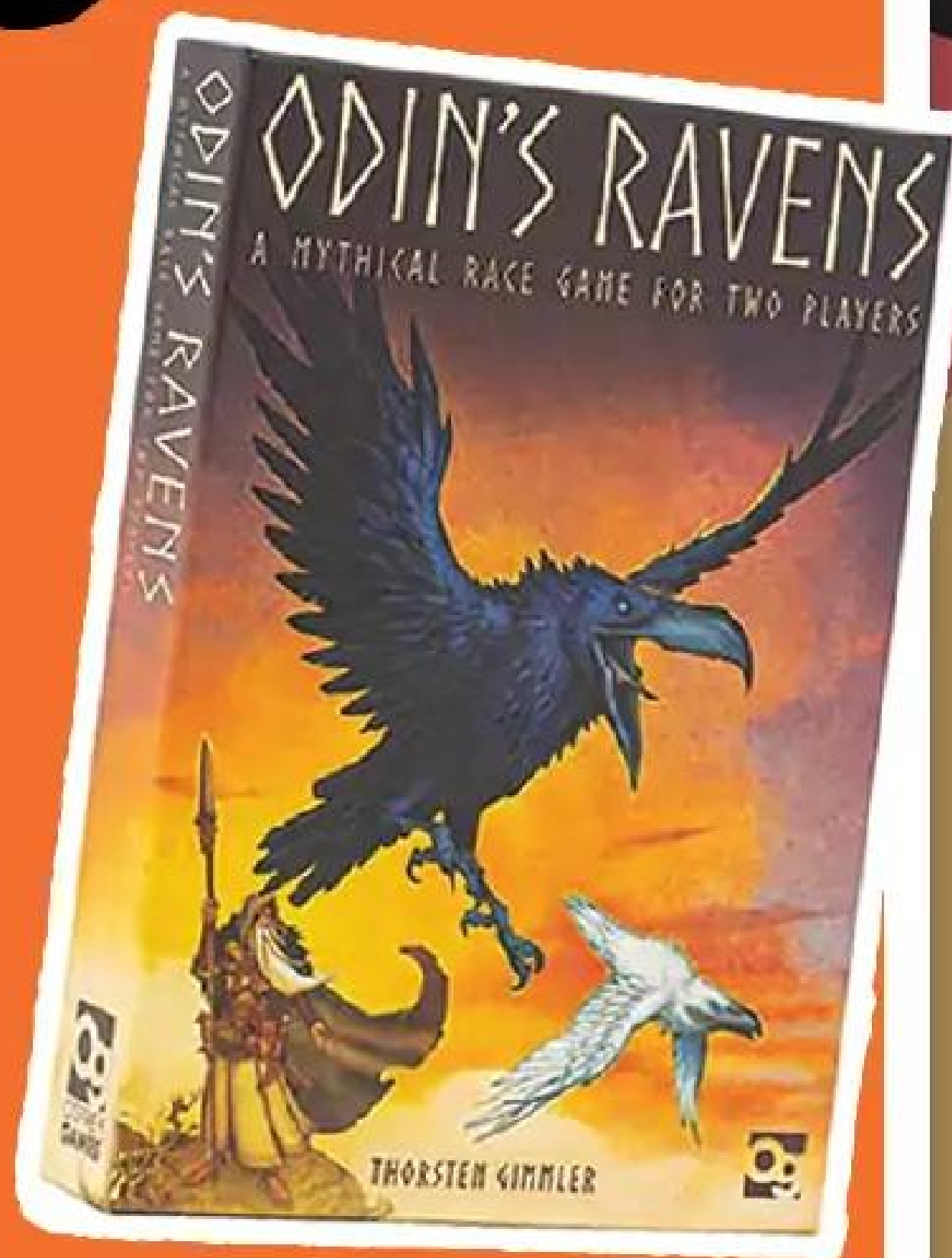


ODIN'S RAVENS

This two-player game has opponents play as ravens flying over different terrain in a race to make it round the board the fastest. Sounds easy? Not when you add trickster plays to sabotage the route...

PACE: 4

VARIETY: 3



KABUTO SUMO

In this game of push and pull, take counters shaped like beetles in warrior gear and try to knock your opponents out of the forest ring. Combining lightning reflexes and clever strategy, this game requires a clear head and a strong hand to win.

PACE: 5

VARIETY: 2

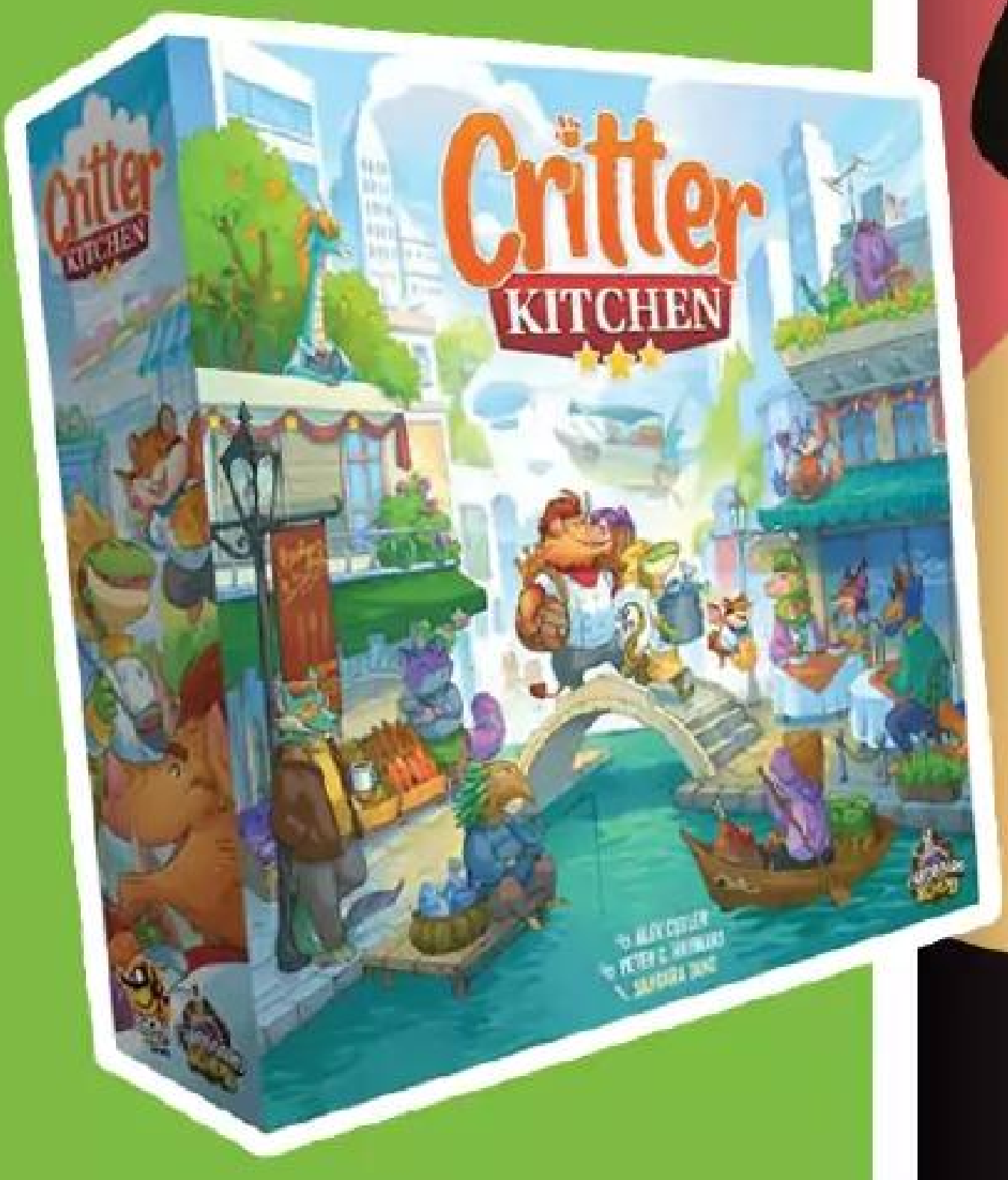
KABUTO SUMO
甲虫相撲

CRITTER KITCHEN

Order up! Send your chefs out to gather ingredients and make the best meals, using the randomised recipes you draw. Strategy is key, as different chefs can carry different amounts and there's a priority race against your fellow players for the best resource.

PACE: 3

VARIETY: 4



EXPLODING KITTENS

Follow the instructions on each card to cause a little chaos and avoid drawing the exploding kitten card that puts you out of the game. Find the best survival strategy that might involve a bit of betrayal...

PACE: 5

VARIETY: 3

EXPLODING KITTENS
A CARD GAME
FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INTO KITTENS AND EXPLOSIONS AND LASER BEAMS
AGES 7 AND UP
2-5 PLAYERS
2 MIN TO LEARN
15 MIN TO PLAY

HERE TO SLAY

Collect and place all the classes of characters or battle three beasts to win the game, while fending off counterattacks from other players who seek to manipulate your dice rolls and success rate.

PACE: 4

VARIETY: 4

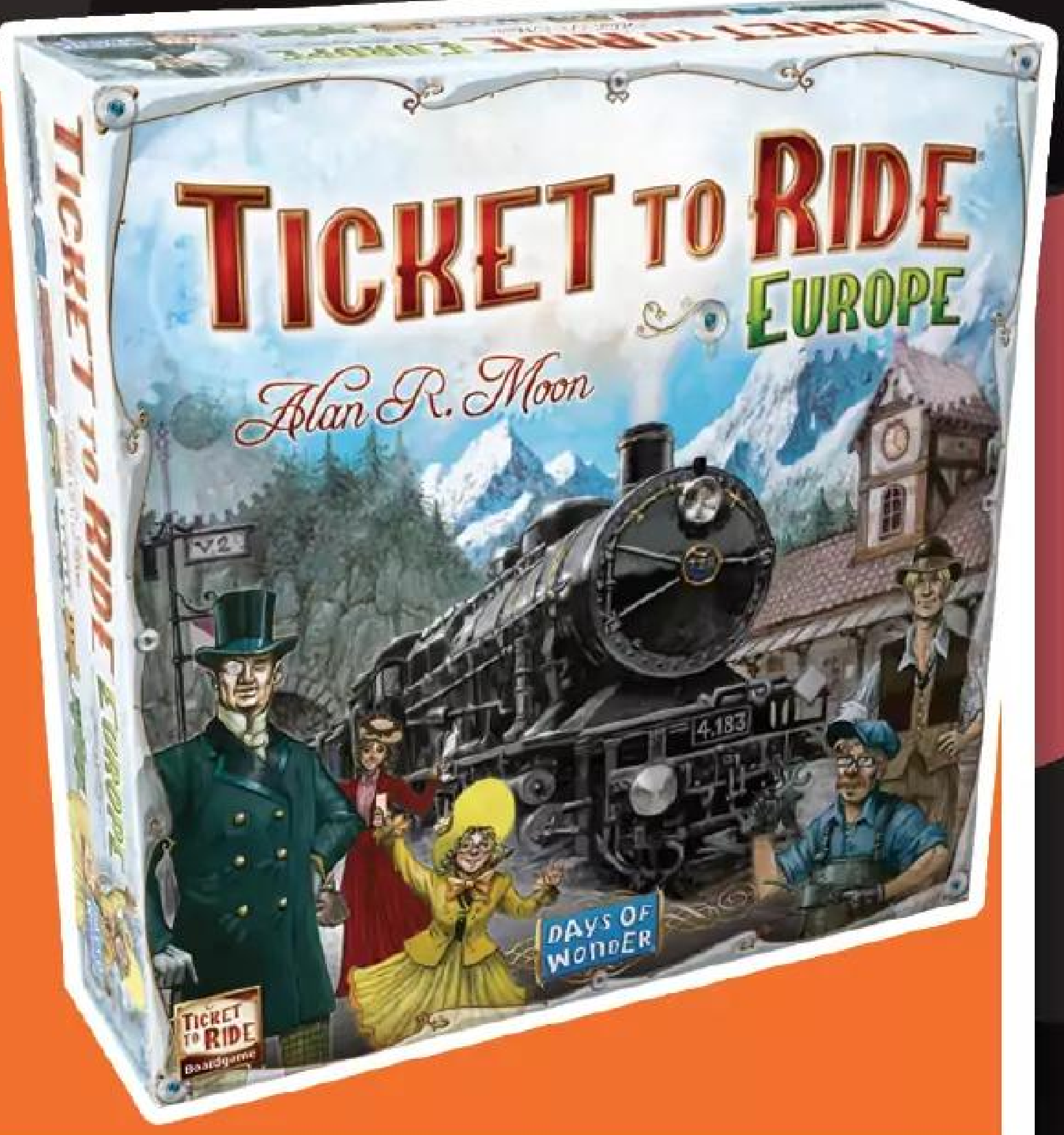
UNSTABLE GAMES
HERE TO SLAY

TICKET TO RIDE

Who doesn't love trains? Use the tracks across different locations to create the longest route and score points based on how many carriages you've placed. Your fellow conductors have the same mission, so make sure to get there first!

PACE: 2

VARIETY: 3


TICKET TO RIDE EUROPE
Alan R. Moon
DAYS OF WONDER

EVERDELL

An absolute legend in the resource management genre, Everdell will have creatures doing your bidding as you try to build homes, claim villagers and earn the most points of your competitors. Working across the seasons, live a year in this co-operative game.

PACE: 4

VARIETY: 5

3 TO WIN

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or
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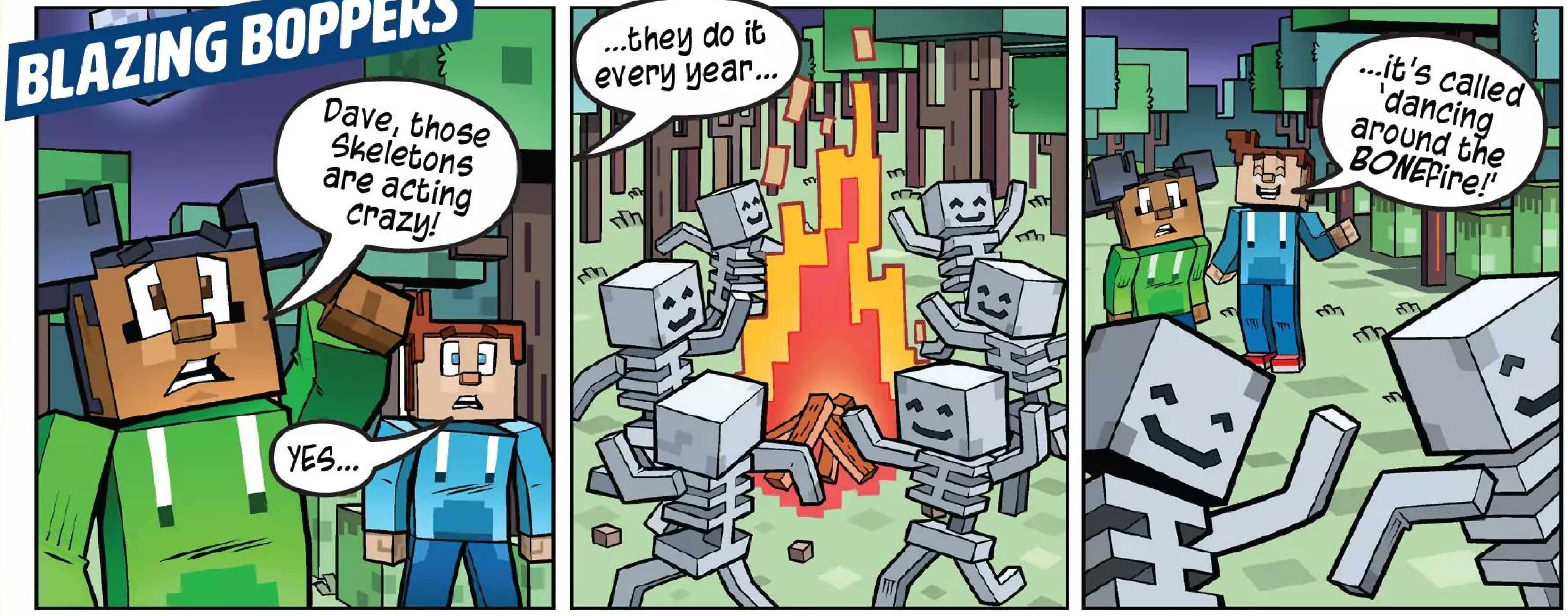
COMICCRAFT

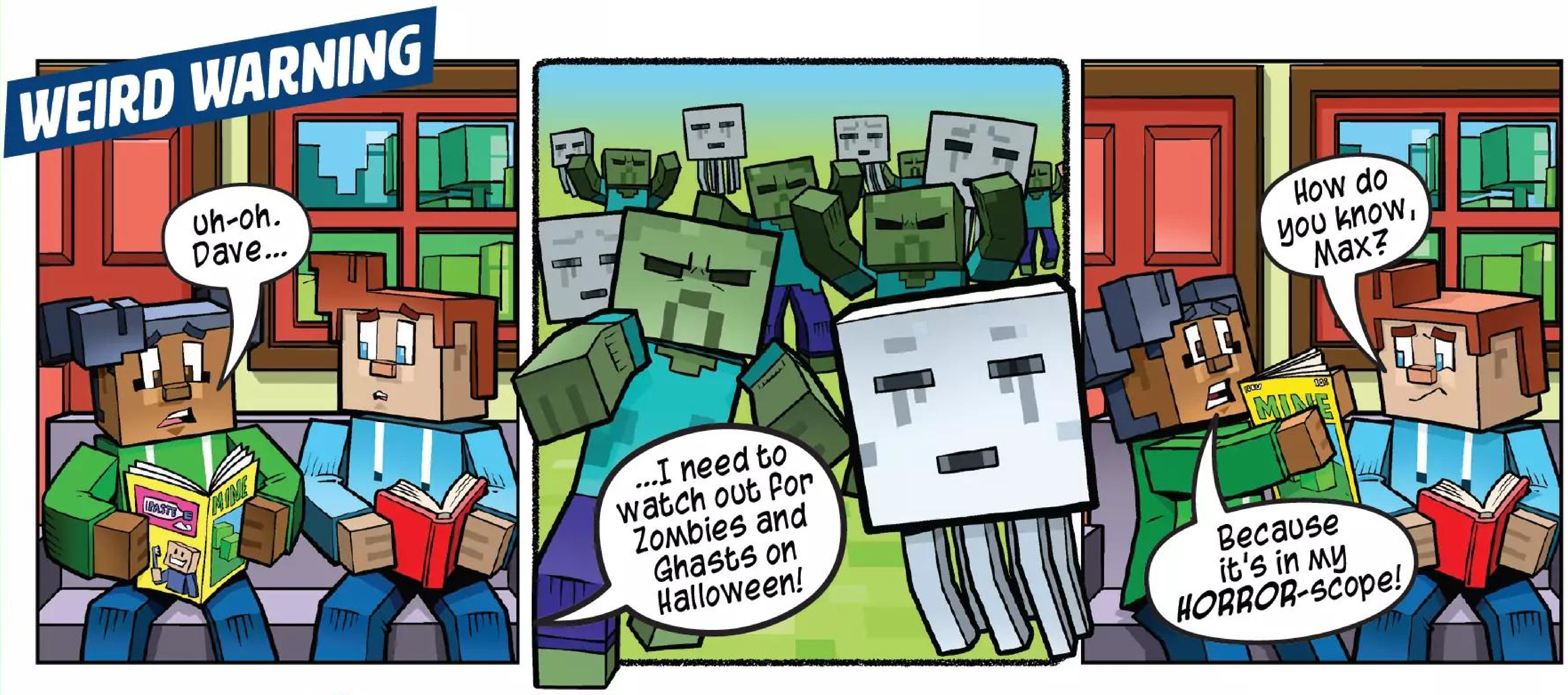
DAVE
MAX
MINNIE & CRAFTY

GET READY FOR SOME MINI MINECRAFT LOLS WITH MAX, DAVE, CRAFTY AND MINNIE!

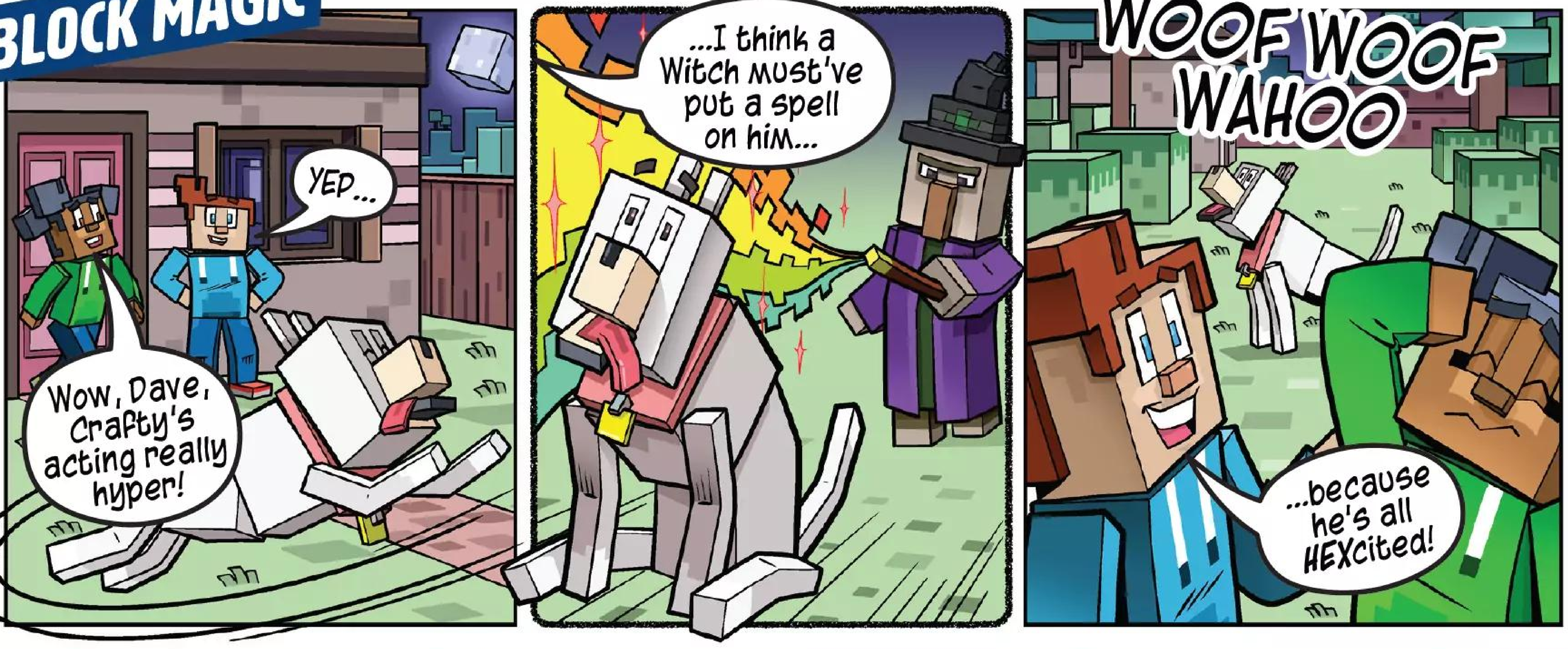
BLAZING BOPPERS


Dave, those Skeletons are acting crazy!
YES...
...they do it every year...
...it's called 'dancing around the BONEfire!'

WEIRD WARNING


Uh-oh. Dave...
DAVE
MINE
...I need to watch out for Zombies and Ghasts on Halloween!
How do you know, Max?
MINE
Because it's in my HORROR-scope!

BLOCK MAGIC


YEP...
Wow, Dave, Crafty's acting really hyper!
...I think a Witch must've put a spell on him...
WOOF WOOF WAHOO
...because he's all HEXcited!

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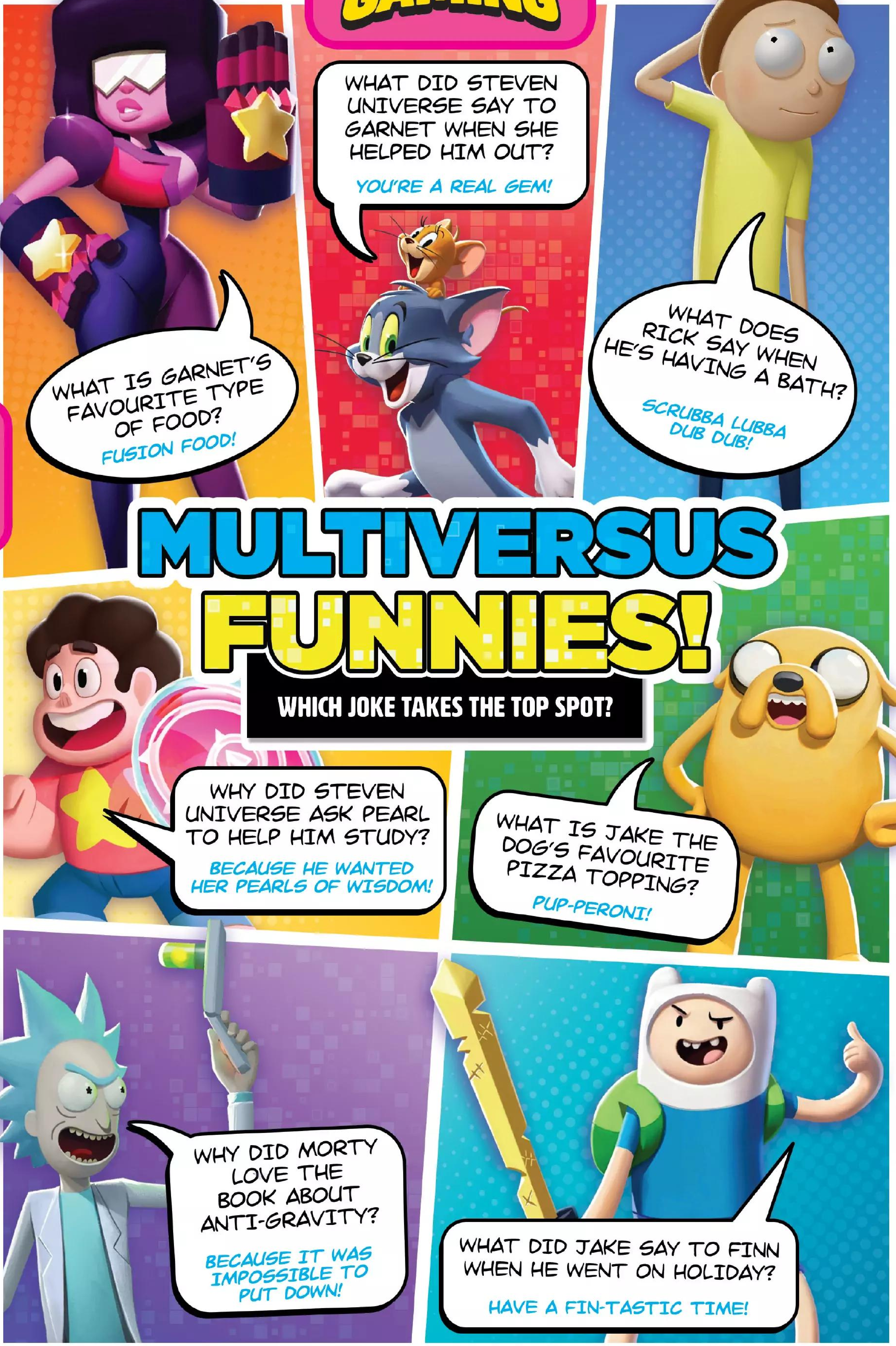
WHAT DID STEVEN UNIVERSE SAY TO GARNET WHEN SHE HELPED HIM OUT? YOU'RE A REAL GEM!
WHAT IS GARNET'S FAVOURITE TYPE OF FOOD? FUSION FOOD!
WHAT DOES RICK SAY WHEN HE'S HAVING A BATH? SCRUBBA LUBBA DUB DUB!
WHY DID STEVEN UNIVERSE ASK PEARL TO HELP HIM STUDY? BECAUSE HE WANTED HER PEARLS OF WISDOM!
WHAT IS JAKE THE DOG'S FAVOURITE PIZZA TOPPING? PUP-PERONI!
WHY DID MORTY LOVE THE BOOK ABOUT ANTI-GRAVITY? BECAUSE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT DOWN!
WHAT DID JAKE SAY TO FINN WHEN HE WENT ON HOLIDAY? HAVE A FIN-TASTIC TIME!

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ULTIMATE TRUMPS!

STICK THIS PAGE TO THIN CARD, THEN CUT OUT THE CARDS ALONG THE DASHED LINES TO PLAY THIS GAME. **WHO WILL YOU COLLECT NEXT ISSUE?**

HOW TO PLAY:

Shuffle the cards and divide equally between two players. Hide your cards from each other. The first player reads out a category and its value, then the other player reads out the same category. Whoever has the highest value takes the card from the other player. Take turns choosing categories. The player with all the cards at the end is the winner.

Enjoy your mag before cutting out!

CUT CAREFULLY!

MULTIVERSUS

RICK

'Mega-genius'

Strength: 36
Intellect: 100
Agility: 34
Courage: 87
Style: 28

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FINN THE HUMAN

'Young warrior'

Strength: 63
Intellect: 52
Agility: 59
Courage: 78
Style: 77

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STEVEN UNIVERSE

'Half-human, half-gem'

Strength: 82
Intellect: 49
Agility: 57
Courage: 66
Style: 20

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MORTY

'Doubtful genius'

Strength: 12
Intellect: 74
Agility: 51
Courage: 38
Style: 30

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JAKE THE DOG

'Stretchy hero'

Strength: 72
Intellect: 56
Agility: 66
Courage: 81
Style: 89

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GARNET

'Earth Protector'

Strength: 71
Intellect: 69
Agility: 55
Courage: 56
Style: 91

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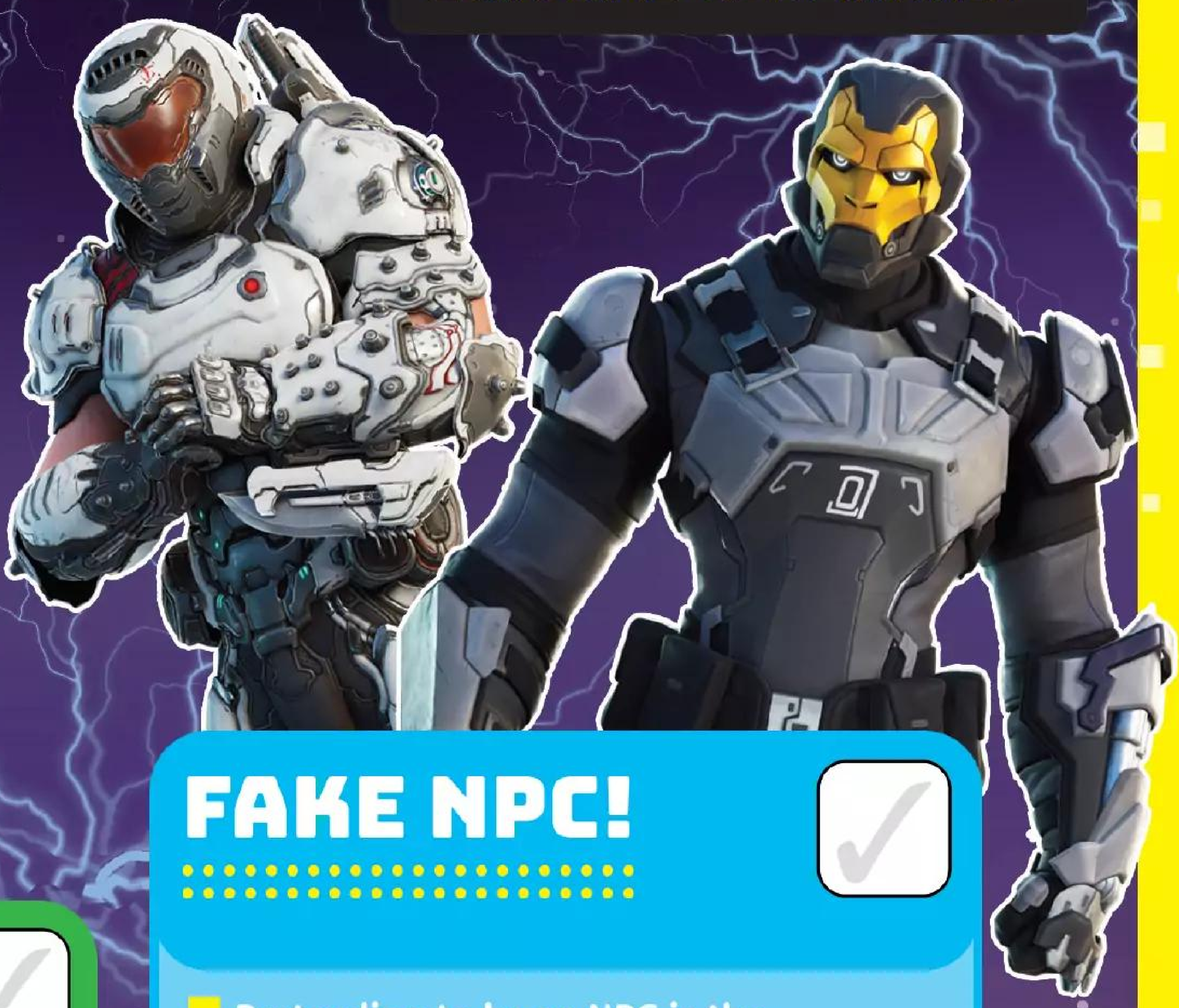
MAD MISSIONS!

THESE FORTNITE CHALLENGES WILL TEST EVEN THE MOST CRACKED VETERANS!



ONE AND DONE!

Could you earn a Victory Royale using only one weapon? This demands some careful thought about what's best to use – and where to get it. You'll probably need even more healing items than usual, too!

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SNIPER SLAYER!

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It takes stealth and mad skills to get a VR using just a sniper rifle. Try out different types to find one that suits your style, then time your firefights perfectly – you'll only get one or two shots.

AXE POWER!

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Pickaxes are good for harvesting resources but properly useless in combat, dealing only 20 damage. What better challenge, then, than trying to get at least five eliminations using nothing else!

FAKE NPC!

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Pretending to be an NPC is the ultimate undercover mission. Choose a suitable skin and turn off auto-run so you can move in classic NPC style. See if you can go at least 10 minutes undetected!

NO DEFENCE!

Shields and healing items can be the difference between a well-earned win and a last-ditch loss. So could you outlast everyone on the map without using either? A hardcore mission for hardcore players.

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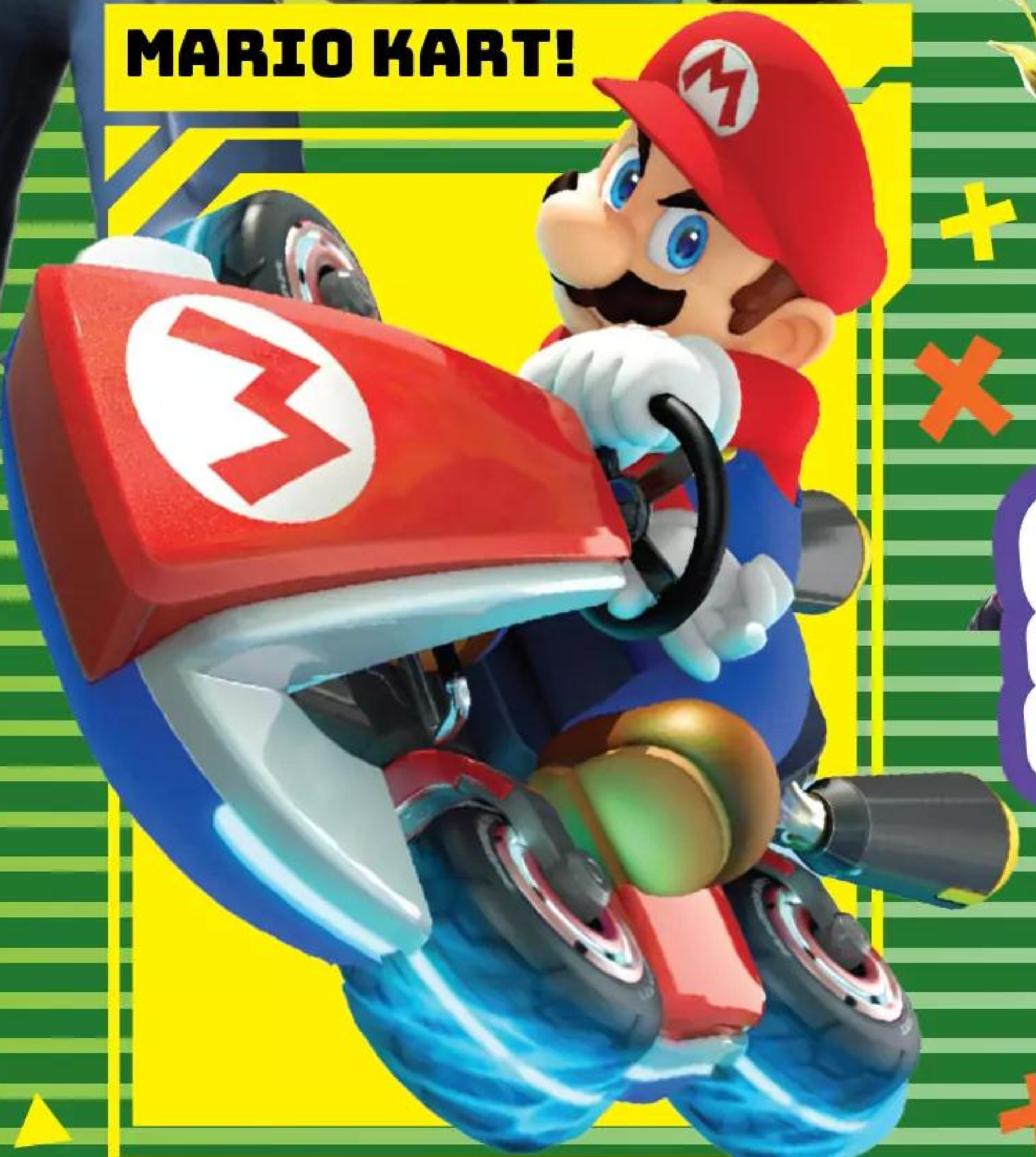

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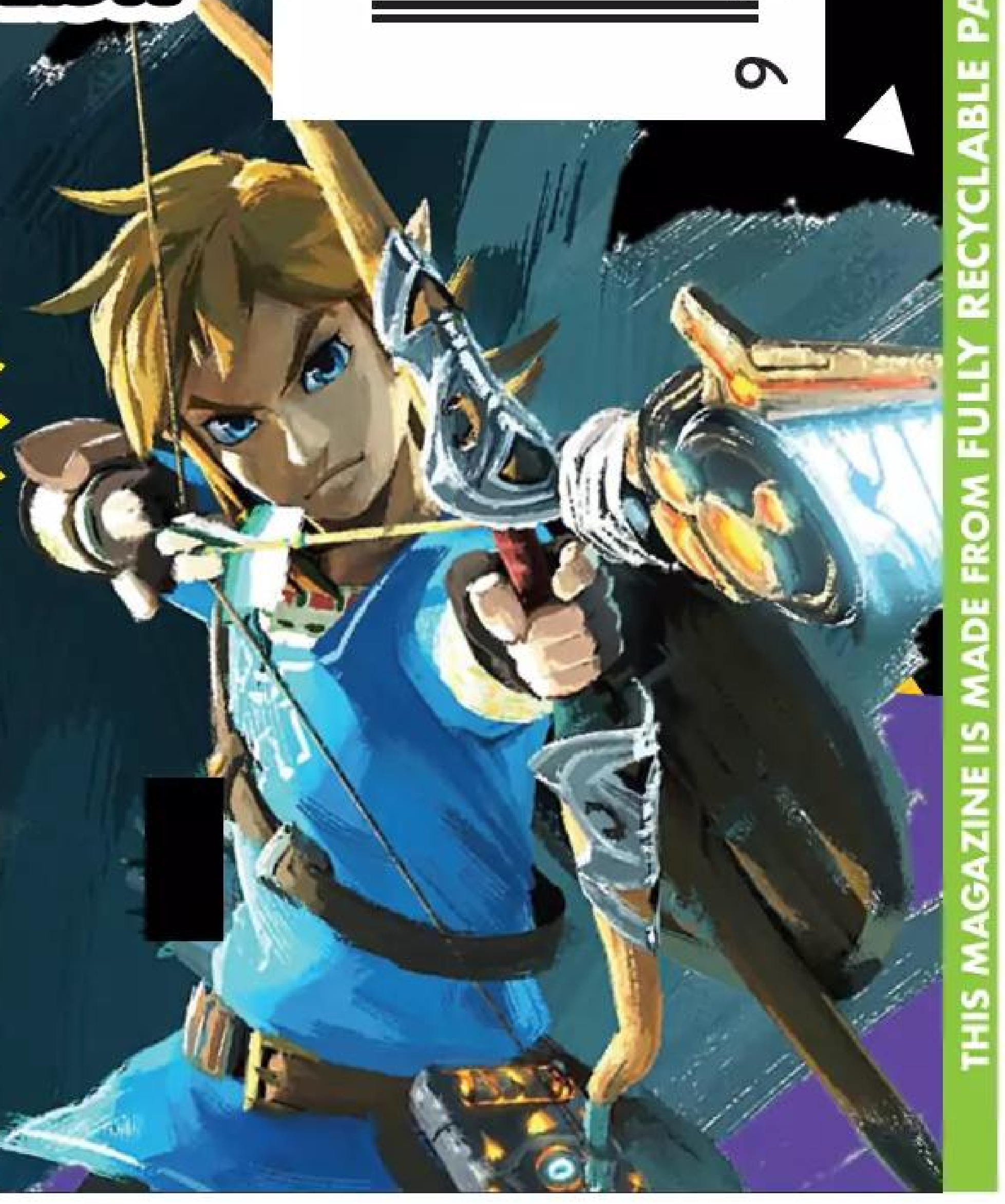

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